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Collision woman is flown to hospital

A WOMAN was airlifted to hospital after being hit by a lorry.

Witnesses say the woman, aged about 50, was crossing the road at the Cinder Bank roundabout on the Dudley Southern Bypass when she was knocked down by the vehicle just before 4pm on Monday.

Police shut the bypass, known as Duncan Edwards Way, between Blowers Green Road and Flood Street, as two paramedics, an ambulance and the Midlands Air Ambulance from Cosford arrived.

The helicopter landed on the traffic island before taking the woman, who had multiple injuries to her legs, pelvis and head, to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Long queues of traffic soon built up on the bypass and surrounding roads and police officers warned motorists to avoid the area. The woman had a dog with her and one witness said it had also been injured, although the ambulance service said the animal was not hurt but was taken to a vet by police.

Roy Bradley, from Coseley, said: "When we got here the ambulance was here tending to a woman on the road, we were told that she ran across the road."

"She was sitting up talking when we got here, which must have been about 10 minutes after it happened."

Tory call on parking fees

CAR parking charges across Dudley would be scrapped under plans by the borough's Conservative group - but the move has been described as 'totally unrealistic' by the ruling Labour group.

Councillor Patrick Harley has pledged to stop charging motorists to park at Dudley Council's car parks if the group wins back control of the council.

He claims the move would help town centres and be paid for by a reduction in welfare bills.

THIEVES CUT POWER TO PARALYSED MAN

Hippodrome protest takes to streets

THE proposed demolition of the former Dudley Hippodrome has taken another step forward after planning officers recommended it should go ahead - but campaigners vowed to continue their fight to stop it.

Councillors are to decide on the controversial planning application to bring down the historic theatre in Castle Hill at a meeting next Monday.

Planning officers have told councillors they should approve the proposal, paving the way for the former entertainment venue to be replaced with a education and conference centre for Dudley Zoo.

It comes days after campaigners gathered in Dudley's Market Place to raise awareness of the building's plight.

Change

They waved placards and banners, calling on Dudley Council to change its mind and give their proposal to reopen the venue a chance.

But in the report to councillors on council's development control committee, officers said: "The building has been marketed for reuse with no potential occupiers coming forward with a viable business case that would retain the building long term."

Chairman of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome, Geoff Fitzpatrick, who organised Saturday's protest, said: "I'm not surprised with the officers' recommendation. They hadn't listened to us before, so why are they going to now?"

He added: "This is by no means the end of our fight."



Deborah Dean and her daughter Hannah, aged five, join the protest in High Street, Dudley, against plans to demolish the former Dudley Hippodrome

by Louise Jew

A WIFE has spoken of how reckless thieves cut the power to her Dudley home, putting her paralysed husband's life in danger.

They ripped down and stole the overhead electricity cables supplying the couple's house. Wheelchair-bound Tim Joplin is life support system.

Their actions led to the 61-year-old former Dudley College lecturer having to be brought downstairs by an ambulance crew, using mountain rescue style equipment, because the power cut stopped the lift in their Gornal house from working and he needed to get to an hospital appointment.

Batteries kicked in to keep Mr Joplin's ventilator operating but his wife, Ruth, twice had to get them charged back up at a nearby garage to keep the vital machine going.

Two nearby homes lost power after cables were cut from electricity poles in High Arcal Road in the early hours on Monday.

Realise

Mrs Joplin, a lecturer in anatomy at Birmingham University, said: "Whoever stole our power supply put my husband's life at risk. I want to convey to whoever it was that they put him in a life-threatening situation."

"I realise people will go to any lengths, to feed their families or whatever, but they need to look at what they are doing and think of the knock-on effects and dangers of what they are doing."

Mrs Joplin praised kind staff at the nearby Texaco garage, in Himley Road, who allowed her to charge the ventilator batteries as they had only a few hours' life.

She said the power cut



Ruth and Tim Joplin

started at about 2am and the batteries kicked in, but her husband had been 'upset and distressed' at not being in control of the situation.

By 1pm, when the power had still not been restored, a West Midlands Ambulance Hazardous Area Response Team had to bring Mr Joplin downstairs on an airlifted stretcher so that his wife could take him to Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, for his regular treatment.

Western Power Distribution workers have rigged up a generator to provide electricity to the houses until a permanent repair.

West Midlands Police are investigating.

Western spokesman Pami Mandair said: "Metal theft is a nationwide problem but it has escalated in the last few years and is currently costing Western Power Distribution around £1.5 million a year to put right."

Housing schemes get funds of £2.1m

A £2.1 million plan to build homes in two areas of Dudley borough has taken a step forward after funding was secured.

Land in Norfolk Road, Wollaston, and The Walk, Sedgley, has been earmarked for flats for residents with learning disabilities and autism.

The project will also create jobs, including four apprenticeships.

The sites will have a total of 14 flats to support residents to live independently.

Dudley Council has been awarded £385,000 from the Care and Support Specialist Housing Fund.

The adult and community services chief, Councillor Dave Branwood, said: "This announcement is excellent news."

He added: "New schemes like this will allow more and more people to enjoy the security of their own homes in a supported environment rather than being moved into residential care."

Councillor Steve Waltho, cabinet member for housing and community safety, added: "This announcement is a positive step forward to increasing available housing for our residents with learning difficulties."

The homes will be built on brownfield, infill sites which have been chosen on the basis of appropriate location and closeness to local facilities and amenities, council bosses said.

Newsagent in collision

A NEWSAGENT is recovering in hospital after being knocked off her motorbike by a McLaren sports car.

Julia Bywater suffered a broken leg when thrown from her Harley Davidson on Sunday in Netherby Road, Sedgley, as she to her shop, Bywaters, in Kent Road in Upper Gornal.

Mrs Bywater, aged 48, and her husband Simon, 51, both ride to work each day. She had to have an operation to insert a pin above her ankle.

Police are taking no further action.

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Kerb crawler's tomato shop story

A KERB crawler from Dudley caught by police with a prostitute in his car told them he had offered her a lift because she was directing him to a shop to buy tomatoes.

Prison security guard Muhammad Ikhlaiq picked up the known sex worker on Wednesbury Road, in Walsall's red light district on May 7, when magistrates heard last week. The 39-year-old, of New Road, who is married with four children,

was driving along Wallows Lane with the woman in the passenger seat of his black Nissan Micra when officers stopped and arrested him.

He told them he had needed to buy tomatoes to bring to a colleague at work the next day.

He claimed he asked the woman for directions to the nearest grocers and she offered to show him the way.

Two plain-clothed police officers followed the pair in an unmarked

car. They had been working on Operation Scarlet & Minus, a crackdown on kerb crawlers in the town's worst-affected areas.

The officers stopped Ikhlaiq at traffic lights and arrested him, before taking him to Bloxwich Police Station for questioning.

He denied an offence of soliciting for the purpose of obtaining sexual services in a public place. "I asked her because I thought she looked

local and I was in a hurry. She said she was going that way," he said.

Magistrates said his story was 'not credible' and fined him £400 with £625 costs and a £40 victim surcharge. After the hearing, Pc Stacey Paterson said: "I've heard some excuses before but in the 10 years that I have been a police officer I have never heard a kerb crawler covering up his crimes by claiming to be buying tomatoes."

Driver who rammed new police car jailed

POLICE have welcomed the jailing of a disqualified driver who rammed a brand new patrol car.

Moments before the smash in-car cameras recorded a discussion between motorway officers saying they hoped banned driver Chad Harrison would not shunt their BMW X5, delivered just days earlier as they attempted to pull him over.

But when Harrison stopped in a lane near the A449 in Stourbridge he did exactly that, reversing his flat-bed truck into the 4x4 twice and causing £5,000 worth of damage before speeding away and leading officers on a 20-mile pursuit.

Police said Harrison, who was sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on July 16, has been jailed for 15 months and banned from the road for seven years.

Patrol units were in the Stourbridge area on the evening of April 18 searching for a reported stolen vehicle when they spotted Harrison. But the truck Harrison was driving was not stolen.

Pcs Dal Nijjar and Gareth Phillips were both injured when Harrison rammed the car, but they then pursued him until he crashed into the gates of Hunts Mill Nature Reserve off Coopers Bank Road, in Dudley.

Appalling

The West Midlands Police helicopter monitored Harrison's movements as he fled on foot into woodland and led colleagues to the spot he where he was lying low in bushes.

Harrison, aged 27, of Dudley Road, Kingswinford, admitted dangerous driving and driving while disqualified.

Acting Sgt Robert Leaver, from the Central Motorways Police Group, said: "The public need protecting from people who drive in this manner and put other road users in danger; he's rightly been jailed and should be tempted to take to the roads at any stage over the next seven years he's likely to find himself back behind bars."

He added: "Harrison has an appalling record of driving going back many years; on this occasion his reckless driving in a large commercial vehicle caused near carnage and caused thousands of pounds worth of damage."

"He deliberately drove at a patrol car, injuring the officers, and then led police on a long pursuit during which he strayed onto the wrong side of carriageways and struck at least eight other vehicles."

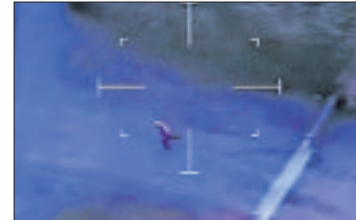
"The truck was in a poor condition and several of the cars were damaged after being struck by one of the truck's stabiliser booms."



The new police patrol car with 400 miles on the clock after pick-up driver Chad Harrison rammed it



The pick-up is spotted by trailing police officers



The helicopter has Harrison in its sights

Students given top marks for drama

STUDENTS from two special schools have been given top marks and extra praise for their drama work at Halesowen College.

The groups, from Halesbury School, Halesowen, and Westminster School, West Bromwich, attended the college weekly for drama sessions. Their work has now been praised by an external

assessor, who took examples of their work to highlight 'excellent special needs education.'

The students recently performed The Circus, when each one took a role, including working back stage and designing the programme. There were also presentations for the hardest working and most improved student at the end of the show and the schools'

catering group at the college provided refreshments and cakes.

Elizabeth Bridgland, tutor and curriculum team manager for dance, drama and music, said: "All the students have excelled this year and their performance was fantastic."

"The external moderator was so impressed by the creativity of the course."

Back-pain worker killed by overdose

A FACTORY worker who suffered chronic back pain killed himself by taking an overdose of the medication for the condition.

David Silvester, aged 44, died at his home, in Keyes Drive, Kingswinford, on February 26. Smethwick Coroners Court heard.

A post mortem revealed a very high dose of pain relief tramadol in his system - 29 milligrammes per litre of blood.

Pathologist Swapna Ghosh told the inquest the level should have been less than one per cent and any level more than six milligrammes per litre of blood was fatal.

Mr Silvester's wife Wendy, from who he was separated, said she had spoken to him the night before and he had been 'all over the place'.

The inquest also was told Mr Silvester had a history of chronic depression.

His benefits were due to be withdrawn by the Department of Work and Pensions but he was appealing against the decision after getting a sick note from his doctor.

Black Country Coroner Mr Robin Balmain recorded a verdict that Mr Silvester had killed himself.

Staff donate to food bank

KIND-HEARTED Dudley Council staff have donated food and goods weighing almost 13 stone to the Black Country Food Bank.

Dropping off points have been set up for staff to give food and other items to the charity, while provides help to needy families.

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "I'm delighted that council staff have come forward to support this very worthwhile charity."

Last year the bank fed 3,735 people in the borough but it is estimated this could rise to 6,200 this year.

Woman puts out blaze in kitchen

QUICK action by a Halesowen woman managed to put out a fire in her kitchen.

Fire crews were called to Foxlea Road at around 9.50pm last Wednesday but found the home owner had used a damp tea towel to extinguish the blaze on her stove. They led her and her dog out of the house.

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Parks get Green Flag of success

SIX parks and nature reserves in Dudley have proved a cut above the rest after being awarded a coveted Green Flag.

Huntingtree Park and The Leasowes in Halesowen, Netherton Park, Silver Jubilee Park, Cosely, Wollscote Park, Stourbridge, and Wrens Nest Nature Reserve, Dudley have all been given the national title.

The award recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country, and is awarded to those with high standards, that are well maintained and which have good facilities.

Councillor Tracy Wood, the council's environment and culture lead, said: "Dudley is a beautiful, green borough and we're delighted that our green spaces are being recognised with this prestigious status."

"This accolade is with no small thanks to our local community members, volunteers, residents and friends groups who have worked hard to show how much they truly love our community."

"The council will be seeking green flag status for other parks and nature reserves throughout the borough in the future."

Other winners included Haden Hill Park, Cradley Heath, Bagderidge Country Park, Sedgely, and Wom Brook Walk, Wombourne.

V-Dub Club is a big pull

MORE than 200 visitors packed out a fun day featuring a host of vintage and modern Volkswagen vehicles ranging from cars to camper vans.

Around 100 motors from across the decades were on display at the event held at the Old Waggon and Horses pub, in Ismere, near Stourbridge, on Sunday.

It was organised by members of the Wyre Forest V-Dub Club, a group of Volkswagen enthusiasts who stage regular events in the area.

Advice on offer

RESIDENTS who need support with alcohol or drug issues can get information on a range of topics, including health advice and home improvements, at events taking place in August. Need to Know sessions will be held at libraries across Dudley borough.

Tourist's horror at seeing man plunge into sea



Ian White

A STOURBRIDGE holidaymaker has described the sheer 'horror' of seeing an elderly man floating in the sea after plunging 12ft from a quayside as he was just about to board a cruise liner in Turkey.

The 83-year-old man, who was rescued by crew from the MS Thomson Celebration cruise ship a week last Monday, is thought to have been peering at fish in the harbour at Marmaris when he slipped and plummeted into the Mediterranean.

Ian White, aged 50, from Kinver Street, Wordsley, said today: "I saw him floating head up."

Mr White was about to board the Thomson Celebration with his partner, Barbara Maltby, from Stourbridge, when some members of the crew from the ship began running towards the scene. "I ran with them

and saw the man floating on top of the water - he looked alive but in a bad way," he said.

"People were looking down from on deck and at ground level in utter horror. Barbara saw some girls who were hysterical about what was happening."

"The crew went down on a permanently fixed wall ladder, dived into the sea and brought him up before putting him on a wheelchair. There was applause on deck at the end of the rescue."

Walking

Mr White added: "I'm told the man, who was a lone traveller and thought to be British, is OK but has facial injuries caused by him hitting the water."

A spokesman for Thomson Cruises said: "A man was

walking along the quayside prior to boarding, trying to peek into the sea, when he lost his footing and slipped in to the water. A couple of members of crew and a couple of shoreside workers dived in fully clothed and got him out. He is fine but shaken."

"The man was taken to the onboard medical centre and then to a shoreside clinic for further tests. He will not be sailing now."

Mr White and his partner had just arrived in Marmaris and were about to board the boat for their first ever cruise when the drama happened.

The two-week cruise takes in Israel, Lesbos, the Greek mainland and Mykonos. It was also due to call in Egypt but that stop-over has been cancelled due to the political unrest in the country.

Fraud shock of tenants who rent out their council homes

TENANTS in Dudley are flouting laws by renting out their taxpayer-funded council homes to make money, it has been revealed.

Dudley Council chiefs have launched more than 170 housing fraud investigations in 12 months - and have hired a special officer to investigate any scams.

Fifty tenants were caught breaking the rules with some sub-letting their homes to make money. Other cases included people who remained in a home without the council's permission after the tenant had died.

A total of 173 investigations were carried out, with some still ongoing.

Six people were axed from the council's waiting list for properties after they made a 'fraudulent application' during the 2012/13 financial year, council bosses said.

Tackle

Fifty-one of the cases were closed with no fraud being detected while the remaining investigations are continuing.

The figures were released in the council tenants annual report, which also revealed the authority has recruited a fraud officer to help improve its detection rate in the current 2013/14 financial year.

It is working with other organisations across the region to help tackle housing

by Heather Large

fraud and has received Government cash to continue its work.

The report shows there has been a 10 per cent reduction in complaints received about the housing service, which looks after 23,000 homes in the borough.

The number dropped to 278 from 310 in the previous year.

In addition, the report includes details of the council's investment programme, which shows £59.5 million was spent on repairs and improvements during the 12 months.

Councillor Steve Walcho, cabinet member for housing, said: "We have joined a regional group and are working with other local authorities and social housing providers to ensure a robust approach to prevention and detection of fraud across the housing stock in the West Midlands."

A fraud hotline has been set up on 01384 814242.

A break for tennis

A GROUP of children living in the shadow of one of the world's worst ever nuclear disasters will be enjoying some fresh air in Stourbridge - as they pick up tennis rackets at a sports club. Youngsters from Belarus, who live in an area that received more than 70 per cent of the radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl disaster in 1985, are being hosted by families in the area for a month and have been invited to enjoy some coaching at Wollaston Lawn Tennis Club on August 10. The party is being brought to the UK by the Chernobyl Children Lifeline charity.



All smiles at the reopening of the store... manager Martin Overton, centre, celebrates with colleagues



Roy Weston is joined by manager Martin Overton, left, Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch and community life champion Steph Walker, right

Roy returns to see reopening of store

A BRIERLEY Hill supermarket has relaunched after a makeover costing more than £1 million that has created nine extra jobs.

And it was a case of déjà vu as Roy Weston stepped through the doors of the remodelled Asda store - because he was also the first customer there 35 years ago.

The extra jobs were created thanks to the launch of a new-look George 21 fashion department at the supermarket. And the store has now reopened with a new 'back to school' range and a 'click and collect' canopy for online shoppers.

Roy, aged 75, of Moor Street, Brierley Hill, was the first shopper to step through the doors when the store originally opened in 1978.

Modern

And he was back as the first customer for the new look Asda, as a VIP alongside the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, store manager Martin Overton, community life champion Steph Walker and long-standing store staff.

Roy, retired groundsman at the old Marsh & Baxter sausage factory, Brierley Hill, said: "The shop has changed a lot over the years - particularly the tills, which are very modern now. My wife, Jean, and I have used the store that long we feel like part of the family."

The improvements were carried out over eight weeks.

NEWS in brief

Doctor graduates as captain in TA

DUDLEY doctor Dinesh Pall has graduated as a captain in the Territorial Army from the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

He was one of 37 people to graduate after completing the Professionally-Qualified Officer course.

"To graduate as an officer in the TA makes me extremely proud," Captain Pall, aged 38, said. "I can't wait to join the Royal Army Medical Corps as a GP. I'm looking forward to the new opportunities open to me."

Rugby players in touch for charity

STOURBRIDGE Rugby Club will be giving the proceeds of its annual touch rugby tournament and charity fun day to the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Organisers hope to raise at least £2,500, beating last year's total of £1,400 for Macmillan nurses.

The six-a-side tournament will be played for the Mel Williams Cup, in memory of the club's former president. It will start at 11am on Saturday at the Stourton Park site in Bridgnorth Road. A fire engine will also be there and three vintage trucks.

Police pay for Scout T-shirts

A GROUP of Scouts has been given new T-shirts thanks to a police donation. The 35 youngsters of the 1st Quarry Bank and Lye Scout group were given £647 by Stourbridge police officers.

It was raised through the Police Property Act - a fund raised by selling property seized as part of police investigations.

House proposal set for go-ahead

PLANS to build a three-bedroom house are expected to be approved after councillors deferred making a final decision so they could visit the site.

The proposal is for the homein Granville Drive, Kingswinford, along with a fence and parking space. Some neighbours were worried it would be an overdevelopment but planning officers said it was acceptable.

Car hits barriers

A DRIVER crashed his car into barriers surrounding roadworks at the junction of Forge Lane and Dudley Road, Halesowen, last Wednesday evening, narrowly avoiding a large hole. He was unhurt.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



FROM the Met Office monthly forecast for August: "It will be warm in any prolonged sunnier spells." No kidding?

FOR the technical, little Prince George is the heir apparent to the heir apparent to the heir apparent. Apparently.

I SUPPOSE it's too late to give the royal spog a fourth forename, just to mark the fact that he was born on the hottest day of the year? King Scorchio the First sounds terrific.

A ROYAL myth that needs nailing is the claim that this little prince somehow "secures the monarchy." Nothing is more secure than the British monarchy because there are about 60 million of us in line for the throne. The rules of succession ensure that if the entire Windsor dynasty were wiped out tomorrow, the crown would pass to the closest uncle, nephew or cousin. If they mysteriously popped their clogs, the succession would continue via the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Lord Chancellor, Archbishop of York, Prime Minister, Lord President of the Privy Council and Speaker of the House of Commons. And if they all died, the crown would pass into the common herd. At some stage you and I, dear reader, are in the running. In fact, the arrival of a new prince has probably pushed you down the order of succession from about 45,876,107th to 45,876,108th. Even as we rejoice, we are usurped.

WHATEVER happened to republicanism? Until recently, those of us who thought a constitutional monarchy was a pretty neat thing were howled down by hordes of rabid anti-monarchists who told us sternly that kings and queens had no place in the modern world and that a British Republic was long overdue. But after a couple of riotously successful jubilees, a royal wedding, Her Majesty starting with James Bond at the Olympics and the arrival of Prince George, the republicans seem to have gone very quiet, not only in Britain but also in Australia where republicanism was once a force to be reckoned with. It always occurred to me that those who gracefully snarled "another mouth to feed" at the news of every royal birth were inspired almost entirely by envy and a curious affection for a colourless constitution. The republicans have absolutely no answer to people enjoying themselves.

INCIDENTALLY, has there ever been a worse time to be Australian? Rubbish in the Olympics, rubbish in the rugby, rubbish in the Test and then the Yanks come along and bomb your Great Barrier Reef.

THE BBC Sport website asks: "Ashes 2013: Are Australia set for years as underdogs?" Shouldn't that be underdogs?

A SEX offender is on the run in Germany having chipped a hole in his cell in Hamburg using a spoon. Not a paedophile, then?

THE headline which appeared to announce "Cameron to unveil online porn club" turns out to be "Cameron to unveil online porn curb." Must get some new reading glasses.

J K ROWLING has a bit of a downer on the tabloid Press. She appeared at the Leveson Inquiry where a succession of lawyers (noble, trustworthy pillars of society) denounced a succession of journalists (slimy, heartless guttersnipes). So guess which profession leaked Rowling's most precious secret - that she was "Robert Galbraith," author of the mystery, The Cuckoo's Calling? That's right, it was a lawyer. A lawyer in the firm that represents her. Such a noble profession, eh?

YES, it is an odd word. A reader asks why the NHS is controlled by trusts when, in some cases, the last thing you'd ever do is trust them.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Party time as school gets to region finals

A DUDLEY school is celebrating after clinching a place in the regional final to find the UK's top children's party venue.

The Kingswinford School beat off hundreds of rivals in the competition run by Britain's largest parenting site Netmums.com.

The school prides itself in working closely with the community by utilising its facilities. It first advertised the school as a venue for children's birthday parties in 2011.

Headteacher Mrs Bronwyn

Hedley said: "We are delighted to be in with a chance to win a top national award."

Manager Simon Baggott added "I'd like to ask all the local mums and dads to get behind us, vote for us and make us the West Midlands winner!"

Voting closes on August 23. To cast yours go to www.netmums.com and click on the vote button of the party awards section. Each voter is entered into a draw to win £250 of Smyths Toy Store vouchers.

Smart move helps to make energy savings

DUDLEY South MP Chris Kelly says nearly 3,000 households in his constituency are making savings on their energy bills by using 'smart meters'.

Annual average savings possible through the British Gas meters are £65 per household.

Mr Kelly welcomed the savings, which he said were now benefiting 2,835 households in his constituency, which covers Brierley Hill, Brockmoor, Pensnett, Kingswinford, Wall Heath, Netherton,

Woodside, St Andrews and Wordsley.

The meters let households check how much gas and electricity they are using and how much that costs, so they can control energy use.

Mr Kelly said: "When many people are struggling to make ends meet, this is good news for the families in Dudley and the Black Country. Energy bills are a big worry for some households and anything that can provide greater transparency and help people take

Time for children to play in parks

PARKS in Dudley are hosting a range of free activities for youngsters during the school holidays.

They are aimed at children aged eight to 13 and sessions will run until August 30 at Silver Jubilee Park, Cosely, Netherton Park, Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, Huntingtree Park, Halesowen, and Quarry Bank Park.

Activities, which run at various times from Mondays to Fridays, will include parachute games, multi-skills activities and scavenger hunts. Activities will be held at Quarry Bank Park every Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be Wacky Wednesdays, which includes face painting, sumo fun, an inflatable football pitch, pre-school activities, treasure hunts, cookery taster sessions fun and fitness activities and environmental sessions.

They run from 1 to 4pm at Netherton Park on August 14, Mary Stevens Park on August 21 and Huntingtree Park on August 28.

There will also be special evening sessions from 5pm to 7pm at Mary Stevens Park on August 20, Huntingtree Park on August 13 and 27, Silver Jubilee Park on today and August 22 and Netherton Park on August 15 and 29.

Snow leopards back together

TWO snow leopards at Dudley Zoo have been reintroduced following the sudden death of their 11-week-old cub.

The big cats had been separated since the cub's birth in May, with father Margaash split from mother Nanga and the baby.

But following the death last month, keepers decided to put them back together after they were seen rubbing faces through a partition.

Games support

PLANS to build a multi-games area and floodlighting at a Kingswinford school look set to be given council approval despite objections from residents living nearby.

Summerhill School, Lodge Lane, has submitted an application for the development mainly to provide an artificial football pitch.

Brothers locked up for attack on innocent boy

Pedal power boosts charity



On the bike is Jon Tomlinson, an advisor from Coventry Building Society, with manager Dan Harris, Mandy Acamovic, Bev Massey and Chris Barron, of Cancer

FUNDRAISERS have been using pedal power to raise money for a Dudley cancer charity.

Staff from the Merry Hill branch of Coventry Building Society covered 100km on an exercise bike for the fundraiser.

Eight workers took part and they completed the distance in three hours and 41 minutes using a bike donated by David Lloyd Leisure. They have so far raised £350 for White House Cancer Support, based in Ednam Road, Dudley.

Chris Barron, manager of White House Cancer Support, said: "I think they have been fantastic to raise the money for us by

TWO brothers who launched an attack on a 16-year-old boy in the mistaken belief that he had thrown stones at their family home have each been jailed for five years.

Gareth and Aaron Attwood struck after the innocent victim was spotted in the same street the day after the vandalism, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The two men and their 46-year-old father Andrew gave chase in two cars trying to cut off his escape and three other people he had apparently been walking with.

He was cornered in the Fens Pool Nature Reserve, Pensnett, and received a beating that left him with a double fracture of the jaw and a broken finger. He lost a tooth and was bruised.

Gareth, aged 21, who lives with his father in nearby Fens Crescent, and 23-year-old Aaron, of Westwood Street, Brierley Hill, were convicted of wounding at an earlier trial and had been remanded in custody for sentencing. Their father was acquitted of wounding, but convicted of assaulting a 19-year-old youth.

Chased

Trouble flared on July 15 last year, the day after stones had been thrown at the house, the court was told. Four youths were seen walking in Fens Crescent.

They ran away after being confronted by members of the family, who chased and cornered the 16-year-old and the 19-year-old. The other two youths escaped.

Mr Christopher O'Driscoll, defending, said: "The 16-year-old was hanging around with the wrong people on this occasion and



Gareth, left, and Aaron Attwood sent to prison

paid a very high price for that. Two of the other people who were with him were intending to cause more trouble for members of this family."

The brothers were each jailed for five years for wounding the 16-year-old and their father received a six months for assault.

Judge Michael Dudley told them: "The youngest victim was the innocent one in the group and was left in a terrible state when the two brothers had finished with him."

Afterwards the father of the victim, of Kingswinford, said: "He was so badly beaten up he was unrecognisable. He had never been involved in any stone throwing. It was terrible."

"Fortunately he is quite a confident young lad and I think he will come out of this all right although the jaw still gives him trouble over 12 months later."

"I do not care about the men who did this to him. Neither I nor my son knew anything about them before this happened."

"All I was interested in was justice being done."

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Date set for Lenny to get his Freedom

LENNY Henry will be presented with the Freedom of Dudley in October.

The comedian and actor said he felt 'deeply humbled and honoured' by the award. Dudley Council approved plans to make the star a borough freeman in February.

He will return on October 9 to receive the Freedom of the Borough scroll at a ceremony at Dudley Town Hall.

The initial decision to award him the honour was met with controversy after opposition councillors claimed the comedian had not contributed enough to the borough. In the past, the freedom has only been awarded to long-serving councillors and the military. But council leader David Sparks said the honour was well-deserved.

Lenny, one of the borough's most famous faces, will receive it in recognition of his services to entertainment and also his contribution to global fundraising through Comic Relief after councillors agreed to change the rules.

Lenny, aged 54, who grew up in Douglas Road, near Buffery Park, Dudley, said: "I know in my heart of hearts that if my parents were alive they would be a bit puzzled but also incredibly proud of this achievement. Thank you very much indeed."

Father was found dead

A SALES advisor who had mental health problems was found hanged at his Sedgley home, an inquest was told.

Tyrone Alan Ronald Jones had returned to his Alderdale Avenue home for a few days from hospital, Dudley Coroners Court heard last week. His daughter Carrie Slawinska found the 62-year-old when she arrived at there on December 17.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain heard Mr Jones had been treated for mental health issues. Mr Balmain said the death had been confirmed as hanging. He recorded that Mr Jones had killed himself.

Car arson attack

A STOLEN car was destroyed in an arson attack in a residential street in Dudley on Saturday. Fire crews from Brierley Hill were called to Nanaimo Way, Kingsford at 12.58am.

No pizza the law yet for food shop couple



OK! Pizza's Katie Medley and Oliver Sutton

TWO young entrepreneurs, who faced a slice of trouble after opening a pizza shop with a logo similar to a celebrity magazine, look to have escaped the threat of legal action.

Oliver Sutton and Katie Medley hit the headlines last month when their pizza shop in Hagley called OK! Pizza was brought to the attention of national magazine OK!

The pair were told the name could be a possible trademark infringement because of their branding which looks like the logo of the magazine company.

But a month on, the pair have heard nothing and on the back of a successful start to business, they are confident they can continue to trade as OK! Pizza. They even have

plans to expand further by setting up catering stalls at music festivals next year, including V Festival in Staffordshire.

The couple, who both went to Haybridge High School, Hagley, opened the pizza shop at the former bakery in Worcester Street earlier this year.

Oliver looks after the operational side of the business while Katie is the cook.

Challenging

Miss Medley, aged 19, said: "We haven't heard anything - we had a feeling this would happen and we could continue as we are. The first three months have been good."

"It's challenging starting a business from scratch, but we're both coping OK. We are

thinking of expanding further into festivals, so things are looking up."

Mr Sutton, 18, and Miss Medley claim to have chosen the design for the pizza shop's logo because of the interest they have in celebrities.

Mr Sutton said: "Of course, we knew about the OK! magazine and the logo is almost exactly the same."

"But the letters are our initials and we chose the design because we are both interested in celebrities."

In June, Christian Guilteneane, editor of OK!, said he planned to alert the magazine's legal team over the shop's name.

No contact has been made from the magazine to Mr Sutton or Miss Medley.

Colleges and school share £1.6m special needs grant

TWO colleges and a school in Dudley borough will share a windfall of more than £1.6 million to create 230 extra places to teach young people with special needs.

Dudley Council has beaten off fierce competition from other areas to win the Government cash to build facilities aimed at 16 to 19-year-olds who have learning difficulties and disabilities.

by Louise Jew

Pens Meadow School, Ridge Hill, Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley, will receive £592,000 to refurbish Shousters House, a derelict former health building next door, to provide state of the art facilities so it can take in another 40 youngsters.

Headteacher Marie Bissell said: "We are thrilled - it's fantastic news and will help us to create sixth form facilities, not just for our own pupils but for young people from across the borough."

Improved

Stourbridge College will get £540,000 to create 150 places for students with complex needs, including the provision of a unit where they can learn how to become more independent, as well as developing business and enterprise skills.

College spokeswoman Mags Winthrop said: "The additional funding to provide new and improved facilities for students will

learning difficulties is fantastic news for the borough."

Dudley College gets £516,244 - on top of £745,200 awarded last year - to provide a 'transition centre' for high needs students.

Bob Chapman, director of learning, said it would enable completion of the Dudley Aspire specialist teaching centre.

A building on The Broadway campus will provide high needs students with an engineering workshop, computer design facilities and English and maths space.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services and life long learning, said: "This is a tremendous achievement and I have to pay tribute to our officers who have fought long and hard to obtain this funding that will transform the lives of so many of our children and their families, enabling them to lead richer and more rewarding lives."

Full house for Full Moon

THE Full Moon pub, Dudley, has gained the top rating for its levels of hygiene in the council's Scores on the Doors programme. The High Street pub was awarded five stars by inspectors. The scheme aims to highlight hygiene standards in pubs, restaurants, take-aways and clubs across the borough. Inspectors judge outlets on how hygienic and well-managed the food preparation is. Manager Nanette Young said: "I am delighted that we have gained the top rating and I'm sure our customers will welcome the news, too."

Top brass herald restored bandstand



David Sparks, Val Wellings, Kynne Homer-Davies and Sue Lee with friends and staff at the bandstand

A BANDSTAND which has been the centrepiece of Quarry Bank Park for more than 80 years has been restored to its former glory.

Friends of the Park received a £18,000 grant to carry out work to replace the cast iron panels and gates.

The completion of the project means the bandstand is ready to host concerts and an event is due to take place on August 11.

It has been described as one of the 'finest examples of bandstands in the region' and was built in 1925.

Val Wellings, member of the friends, said: "The park plays a very important part in the life of the local community and is very well used by people of all

ages. The bandstand is located in the centre of the park and is on view to all visitors so we are delighted to see it restored to how it used to be."

Councillor David Sparks, chairman of the friends and leader of Dudley Council, said: "The volunteers on the Friends of the Park have worked extremely hard to secure the funding for this excellent restoration to take place."

Action

"The bandstand has been recognised in the past as one of the finest examples of a bandstand in the region and this is the perfect example of our Love Your Community campaign being put into action and we hope to see plenty more

initiatives in the near future across the borough."

The friends worked in partnership with Dudley Council's parks development team to secure the funding for the work from landfill tax charity Ibbotson Cory Environmental Trust.

Contractors Express Valve Manufacturing, of Thornleigh Trading estate, Dudley carried out the work. The family-run foundry completed the refurbishment using only materials sourced and made in the Black Country.

The park, which attracts around 1,500 people a week, has a multi-use games area, football pitch, skatepark, play area and a tennis court.

NEWS

in brief

Charity in search of new trustees

A DUDLEY-BASED charity is looking for new trustees and an experienced fundraiser. Enrych Black Country helps bring life, leisure and learning activities to people with physical disabilities.

Trustees chair, Dr Julian Randall, said: "We are looking for enthusiastic local people from all walks of life with a range of skills, good judgement and an empathy with our purpose." Trustee applicants and volunteers can email him at juban@btopenworld.com

School mountain bikes go in raid

MOUNTAIN bikes and canoes worth thousands of pounds have been stolen from a school in a village near Stourbridge.

Thieves broke into a storage container at Hagley RC High School, Brake Lane. Twelve bikes and two canoes, which were on a trailer, were taken. The bikes were worth £3,000 and the canoes £1,500.

Police believe there were at least two thieves, who first struck at about 10.40pm on July 17, returning with a van at about 1.30am and again at 3.30am on July 18.

Keegan stars at fundraiser dinner

FORMER England manager and international Kevin Keegan will be guest of an honour at a charity dinner in Brierley Hill.

An Evening with Kevin Keegan takes place on October 3 at Copthorne Hotel to raise money for Compton Hospice. Following a three-course meal, guests will have the opportunity to put questions to the former Liverpool and Newcastle striker. Tickets are around £60. Call Simon Carter on 0845 2255 497 or go to www.compton-hospice.org.uk

£9,750 Lottery grant for school

A SCHOOL in Dudley will receive £9,748 from the Big Lottery Fund for an outdoor classroom.

Sutton School and Specialist College will create an eco and sensory learning zone to explore nature, wildlife and environmental projects for pupils with learning and behavioural disabilities.

Fund spokesperson Helen Bullough said: "Our Awards for All small grants will make a big difference."

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YOU get a lot of strange invitations in this job, but even so, this one came as a bit of surprise.

Dutch television company Dusk has invited me to its first ever Porn Awards, a special ceremony celebrating the very best in female-orientated porn.

What do you mean, you were going anyway?

The evening, which forms part of the Sensual Summer Event, promises a 'full programme' - you don't say - and the winner will be presented with the Porn 2013 award. Which will no doubt look lovely on the sideboard.

You will forgive me if I don't divulge the names of all the films in the running, but Cabaret Desire by Erika Lust is among the contenders.

There will also be an opportunity to interview British director Anna Arrowsmith, otherwise known as Anna Span, who is not only a talented producer of erotic films which 'usually deal with role playing and female fantasies', but was also a Liberal Democrat candidate for Gravesham, Kent, at the 2010 General Election.

I don't know what she makes of coalition government, but wouldn't you just love to see her in charge of party political broadcasts?

WAS woken up this morning by the window cleaner swearing and screaming before kicking over his bucket. "Sorry mate," he said. "I lost my rag."

SIR Bruce Keogh, who is shortly to publish a report on how the NHS can meet the needs of the 21st century, has said it needs to adopt the 'more for less' mentality of businesses such as PC World or Dixons.

I don't know about you, but I'm not sure that young, spiky-haired GPs in brightly-coloured shirts talking in unintelligible jargon really represents much in the way of progress.

What is evident though is that the expenditure of vast sums of money does not always make for a better service.

Fifteen years ago, I could make an appointment to see my friendly local GP in his small, slightly shabby, little surgery, the next day, no problem.

Now after millions of pounds of 'investment', the poky surgery has made way for an all-singing, all-dancing mini clinic, with electric doors and everything, where it now takes around a week to see whichever doctor happens to have a slot going.

Last time I tried, I was advised it would be quicker to drive across town to the 'walk-in' centre. On arrival, there was a sign warning of a four-hour wait. Oh, and the walk-in centre was due to close in half an hour, anyway. Walk-in centre? I walked straight out.



Doreen Rushton, whose aunt, Lizzie Williams, aged 13, was killed in the blast



The funeral procession for the victims of the factory explosion in 1922

Needless victims of blast honoured

Plaque is unveiled to the memory of the 19 girls killed in factory explosion.
NAOMI DUNNING reports

IT is remembered as the darkest episode in a Black Country town's history, when 19 young girls lost their lives in a devastating explosion.

Now their needless loss of life has been commemorated with a Tipton Civic Society blue plaque near the site where the tragedy happened.

The plaque has been placed at Tipton Toddlers Nursery on the corner of Dudley Port and Groveland Road, a second plaque has also been erected next to it to commemorate the site of Tipton's last cinema.

The Dudley Port factory employed dozens of girls to break up the live cartridges left over from the First World War for scrap.

But on March 6, 1922 at around 11.45am one of the cartridges inexplicably went off, igniting or discharging several thousand others waiting to be dealt with.

Dragged

The explosion ripped through the L K Knowles factory in Groveland Road, where the young women worked, blowing the iron roof from the building and setting it on fire.

A total 24 young girls were working at the time and the explosion killed all but five.

The *Chronicle's* sister paper, *The Express & Star*, covered the disaster and described how the panic-stricken girls tried to escape the inferno. Many had to be dragged from the burning building. Some were severely burned and injured.

The report describes how Dudley's Guest Hospital was stretched to its limit.

In July of that year, following a court case, company manufacturer, John



Relatives of the victims of the explosion with Tipton Civic Society's vice chairman Keith Hodgkins and Adrian Bailey MP, back, view the plaque

Walter Knowles, aged 55, was jailed for five years for manslaughter by Staffordshire Assizes.

A memorial was erected in 1924 at Tipton Cemetery, two years after the explosion and was given a clean-up in 1994 and refurbished in 2010. But there has not been a memorial on the site of the explosion itself.

Doreen Rushton, whose aunt Lizzy Williams died at the age of 13, attended the ceremony to unveil the plaques.

Mrs Rushton, 69, of St Mark's Road, Tipton, said: "She was my father's sister, but he was only three at the time. When we were growing up they never really talked about it."

"We had a photograph of her horse-drawn funeral carriage, and books from chapel which had been dedicated to her, but did not know much else."

"The King had also written to my

family expressing his condolences."

The grandmother-of-three, who attended the event with her sister Mavis Smith and cousins Jean Smith, Rita Kempson and Barbara Hughes, said: "We just felt it was important to go and remember Lizzy."

"It was a terrible, horrendous tragedy, but it was lovely to have the ceremony and remember her together."

Vice chairman of Tipton Civic Society Keith Hodgkins said: "It was an horrific tragedy, and the most tragic episode in Tipton's recent history."

"We felt it was very important to mark the spot where the tragedy happened."

The second blue plaque marks the site of the former The Alhambra cinema, which was built in 1933 and was once Tipton's finest cinema. It closed in 1963.

The names of those who perished at Dudley Port

- Annie Naylor, aged 14, 162 Dudley Port
- Laura Dalloway, aged 14, 36, Upper Chapel Street, Tividale
- Nellie Kay, aged 15, 20, Great Bridge Street, West Bromwich
- Mabel Weaver, aged 14, 3 Victoria Terrace, Park Estate, Tipton
- Annie Freeth, aged 15, 42 Farley Street, Great Bridge
- Violet May Franklin, aged 15, 17, Cleton Street, Tipton
- Annie Elizabeth Florence Edwards aged 15, 77, A block, Munition Huts, Dudley
- Priscilla Longmore, aged 13, 337, Dudley Port
- Edith Drew, aged 15, 1ct, 1 house, Boat Row, Tipton
- Edith Richards, aged 14, 7 Factory Road, Tipton
- Elsie Fellows, aged 15, 96 Dudley Port
- Lucy Edwards, aged 14
- Edith Jukes, aged 15
- Margaret Burns, aged 15, Sheepwash Lane, West Bromwich
- Elizabeth Williams, aged 13, Old Cross Street, Tipton
- Hannah Hubbard aged 16, 5ct 1 House, Dudley Port
- Elizabeth Aston aged 14
- Lizzie Griffiths, aged 15, of Railway Street, Horseley Heath
- Gladys May Bryant, aged 14, 15 West Street, Dudley Port

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

NEWBORN babies, their mothers and mums-to-be were evacuated when fire broke out in the maternity unit at Walsall's Manor Hospital. Nurses led 10 women, some carrying their babies, to safety as firemen tackled the blaze.

KANDOLA Singh proudly drove his brand new £28,000 Mercedes Benz out of a Wolverhampton showroom - but within three hours it was back in the garage after being involved in a smash. Mr Singh, who worked at the Goodyear tyre factory, was unhurt in the accident.

TOP boppers from Penkridge put their village on the entertainment map with a string of disco victories. Team Genesis scooped the World Disco Stars championship having already scooped the All-England, Western Europe and Great Britain titles.

1993...

FORTY students from Eastern Europe were left stranded after a conman duped them into paying for non-existent work at a farm near Wolverhampton. The Slovakian students turned up to work at Manor Farm in Coven, but were sent away as there were no jobs available.

THE villages of Kings Bromley and Newborough came out on top in Staffordshire's annual best kept village competition. But there was no joy for host village Kinver, who came second to Codsall in the South Staffordshire contest.

PLANNERS in Wolverhampton were considering bringing in special 'anti-bomb' litter bins in the wake of the IRA bombing of Warrington. Council officials looked at bringing in plastic bins after traditional metal ones were removed from all Midlands shopping centres following the blast.

2003...

FORMER Wolves owner-chairman Sir Jack Hayward was honoured after his name was added to a Civic Centre ceremonial board. Sir Jack was named the city's 21st Freeman at a special council meeting.

PEOPLE were evacuated from the Horseley Fields area of Wolverhampton after two Second World War artillery shells were discovered. Army experts attended the site and took the shells away for examination.

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LETTERS

Dossier is growing on Russells Hall

SINCE the coverage I recently gained for criticising the way Russells Hall hospital in Dudley is run I have been contacted by several people with real horror stories about the way they or their family have been treated at this institution.

These people are keen not to have their names mentioned as they fear repercussions during ongoing care and they have asked me to speak on their behalf.

I have decided to extend the offer of help to everyone who may have been

done a disservice at this hospital. Please contact me and I will add your story to the growing dossier I am collecting of awful examples of bad service, all in strictest confidence and you will remain anonymous if that is what you wish.

The stories I have collected so far include examples of pain relief being removed to punish patients who complained. A lady who had such an appalling experience during labour she has been left emotionally and mentally traumatised and a man whose wife was

so frightened of returning to the hospital she refused to be taken there and ended up dying in his arms.

When I have collected more examples of neglect and appalling treatment I will be giving the file to the press at the same time as renewing my calls for the hospital management and board of governors to be replaced.

Contact me via billetheridge.co.uk or 07894 737884

BILL ETHERIDGE
Tipton Street
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Why can't we pick plastic?

MOST people are happy with black plastic bags we use now and do not want another bin outside their property because they are unable to take them round the back. We are told the bin system is more cost effective, but we were told previously that households had to be assessed to see if they were suitable to have bins.

Surely this cost would reduce the anticipated savings considerably. If these properties can still use the plastic bags, then why cannot other householders also choose to continue using the bags? I decided some time ago, once elected as a politician, common sense flies out of the window.

M HORNE
Cromwell Drive
Dudley

Pavements are not for bins

HOW I agree with comments made by S Fox regarding another plastic bin soon to be introduced by Dudley Council. My understanding is that in addition to the green wheeled bin, there will be a grey one, together with the black plastic box plus two bags, one green and one blue. I am fortunate to be able to keep the bins at the back of my house. I am also retired so can bring in the bins after emptying. With drivers feeling they have the right to park on footpaths and bins left there until people return from work, it will become even more difficult to use the pavement.

S ELLIS, Halesowen

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Speedway trouble free

IN response to Mr R A Sargeant's letter regarding speedway at Castle Gate. He lives by one of the busiest roads in the Black Country, he also lives between two of the busiest islands in the Black Country. If a track was to be built near him, he would get minimum noise due to controls in place.

As for calling fans petrol heads, he must get his facts right. Speedway bikes run on an eco fuel called methanol, a wood alcohol, and therefore speedway fans are not petrol heads.

Speedway is a family sport, from babes in arms to pensioners with no trouble. The only people who get dirty are riders or mechanics.

NICK HAWTHORNE
Beeches View Avenue
Halesowen

Buses too hot for travelling

WHY is it in this age of technology and with temperatures in the late 20s, do we have to travel on buses with their heaters on? I regularly travel on the 226 service run by Hansons and Diamond between Wordsley and Merry Hill and on most occasions the bus has its heater on. The drivers say they can do nothing about it. Surely passenger comfort should be paramount. In this day and age we ought to have air conditioned buses, not be cooked as we travel. I can understand why people do not want to use public transport when they can travel in cool air conditioned cars.

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Volunteers to step up security at churchyard

SECURITY has been stepped up at a Dudley church following vandalism which has outraged campaigners working to reopen it.

A family grave dating back 130 years was smashed in a recent attack and now the lychgate entrance to St John's Church, Kates Hill has been covered in graffiti.

The preservation group which is fundraising to enable the church to be used by the community appealed for volunteers to help patrol the grounds.

Teams have been recruited to keep an eye out for troublemakers to protect the churchyard.

They will be walking around the site, dressed in high visibility jackets and armed with cameras to record evidence, in a bid to deter thieves.

Deb Brownlee, chairman of St John's Church Preservation Group, said: "We are asking people to make a commitment of two hours a month to assist with this."

"The grounds, and views are too beautiful and peaceful to have them spoilt by a handful of selfish, thoughtless, mannerless idiots."

Volunteers will also be

by Heather Large

briefed on the history of the building and the graveyard stories, so they can double as tour guides for visitors.

The preservation group is waiting to hear whether it can lease the building from the Church Commissioners as part of its plans to re-open it to the public.

The damaged stone bore the names of Sarah Cautherington, who died on July 10, 1884, in her 67th year; her husband James, who followed her to the grave, aged 77, 12 years later, and their daughter Mary Ann Cautherington, who was 59 when she passed away in 1899.

Mrs Brownlee is appealing for descendants of the family to contact her on 07871 195042 or email savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk

Students boldly go to space agency



Pupils Zoe Heeley and Jack Bishop with teachers Anna Pinto and Spencer Willis outside the school observatory

STAR-GAZING students have been given a glimpse of life as an astronaut during a school trip. Year 10 pupils and teachers from The Kingswinford School travelled to the European Space Agency in Noordwijk, Netherlands.

The group was treated to a presentation hosted by astronaut Andre Kuipers, who provided an inside view of life in space as part of the event Mission X - Train Like An Astronaut. Students also had a chance to take part in an astronaut school, receiving tips direct from astronauts training in Houston. The students were among a select group of only 50 children chosen to represent their countries.

The school's director of science, Anna Pinto, said: "Space exploration is an international business. It was an honour to represent our school, the UK and to be able to share the successes and ideas of our school."

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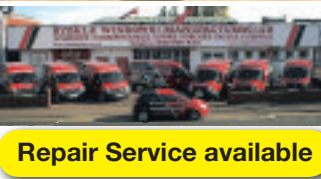
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Crash driver learned of death via Facebook post

Boost for deaf children



Gill Pillar, left, and Shelagh James, with teacher Dawn Bevington, seated, and parents and children from the Dudley Deaf Children's Society, with pupils from Ashwood Park Primary School, Stourbridge

A CHARITY helping deaf children has spent more than £3,000 on new technology to be used in schools in Dudley borough.

Dudley Deaf Children Society secretary Shelagh James handed over the Parrot Plus 2 to Dudley Council's head of hearing impairment service Gill Pillar at Ashwood Park Primary School, Stourbridge.

The equipment will mean teachers and carers will have a better idea of the extent of deafness in the child.

It will help them build an education programme around the children. The equipment cost £3,100 and was partly paid for thanks to a community grant from The Co-operative.

It comes as schools see a gradual rise in the number of children with hearing impairments they admit each year.

Across the borough's schools there is about 400 children with hearing problems. At Ashwood there are about 40.

THE driver of a car that knocked down a 21-year-old who died hours later of his injuries discovered what he had done the next morning on Facebook, an inquest has heard.

Thomas Cox was hit by a car in Sedgley on the evening of his birthday, and died the following morning, the inquest in Smethwick heard yesterday.

Driver Ben Davies, who had failed to stop at the scene of the accident, told police the next day that he heard the 'bang' but 'didn't know what it was' at the time.

In the police interview which was read out at the hearing, Davies, of Old Park Road, Dudley, told officers: "I didn't know what had happened until this morning, I saw it on Facebook."

He added that a friend had posted an appeal for the driver to come forward.

He said: "It was just on there, it was on the news feed."

It was after seeing this appeal that he told his parents what had happened, and visited the police station.

Appeared

The hearing heard that no-one witnessed the hit-and-run collision which happened at around 11pm on November 17.

Mr Cox, of Turton Road, Tipton, was discovered lying on the pavement, and he was taken to hospital. The ex-Willsworth High School pupil died the next day from head injuries.

During the police interview which was read out at the inquest, Davies said he was driving towards Dudley on Dudley Road, Sedgley, near the Leopard pub.

The 21-year-old said: "It just appeared. I just hit it like. It was on my side of the car."

He told officers he didn't have time to brake. He slowed down but did not stop.

Assistant deputy coroner Angus Smillie recorded a verdict of accidental death.

In April, Davies was jailed for 26 weeks after he admitted failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

Does your loft hide a small fortune? Antiques Valuation Roadshow returns to Dudley.

One of the longest running programmes on television is "The Antiques Roadshow" where items are valued and an explanation of the piece is given. Often owners are delighted at the worth of something that might have been hidden away or not given a thought for a generation.

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Many stories exist of the surprised delight that these

experts can bring to visitors, one recently is of a retired couple who brought a box of bits and pieces to a Roadshow that had been left to them by an elderly relative, they thought that the small collection of oddments might realise perhaps £100. Imagine their surprise when they left the Roadshow having sold their "trinkets" for over £2,500!

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I'm from Dudley, I love the place and I want to help the people who live here. I want to stand up and fight for local people, for hard-working families and pensioners. I want to show that I'm on their side and won't let them down.

So I've been inviting groups of residents to talk to me in church halls and community centres across Dudley over the last few weeks.

Lots of issues have been raised but three stood out: the state of the town centre, immigration and the cost of living for local families.

Town centre

People get in touch with me about the town centre every week, so it was no surprise when people brought it up at meetings.

Like everyone else from Dudley I remember the town's past. I grew up here and spent my Saturdays wandering from Graduate Records to Beatties or meeting friends at the cafe upstairs at Littlewoods. I had my first job in McDonalds on the High Street, and my parents bought my first bike from Criterion Cycles on Kings Street.

Since then the town's had



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

"I'm from Dudley, I love the place and I want to help the people who live here. I want to stand up and fight for local people."

some real knocks and had its confidence shaken. Out-of-town shopping, the recession and the loss of the university campus have all had an impact.

And even after a decade of economic growth and increased public spending opportunities passed us by and the town has not improved.

On the other hand, Dudley College has built a brilliant new campus which is bringing more people into the town centre and boosting trade. There's plans for a new supermarket to replace Cavendish House.

But I think we need new ideas to strengthen the town centre and I'd like to see the Castle opened up throughout the summer with concerts, plays and other attractions bringing thousands of extra visitors to Dudley, boosting trade and

changing the town's image.

I love this area and I want to see things improve, so I'm always happy to listen to local people's ideas on this and I will keep on fighting for our town centre.

Immigration

Immigration is something else that people raise on the doorstep all the time. I don't think it's racist to raise concerns about immigration. In fact, I've spoken up for local people on this issue myself.

I listened to local people and pushed hard for measures the last government introduced, like the Australian-style points system for people coming here to work and restrictions on benefits for immigrants. They worked, and I think people supported them too.

But if I am going to be the first to tell you what Labour did well in Government, I

have to be able to say where we made mistakes too. And we did make mistakes when it comes to immigration.

Labour was too late to understand and face up to the full impact of mass immigration on communities, workplaces and public services. I think we were wrong not to impose transitional controls on Eastern European countries as they joined the EU, and I was the first MP calling for restrictions to be maintained.

But the Government hasn't got this right either. The number of people being deported has fallen sharply and there's a growing backlog of suspected illegal immigration cases.

I want to see youngsters from Dudley get jobs in Britain, not people from abroad. And I want to see tough action to get a grip on illegal immigration.

Cost of living

Families in Dudley are really struggling to make ends meet. Living standards are under real pressure as prices are rising but wages are staying the same.

A survey in Dudley earlier this year found that nine out of 10 families don't think they'll be better off next year than this. Under this Government things aren't set to change any time soon.

The Office of Budget Responsibility has said real wages will be lower in 2015 than when this Government came to power.

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Staffordshire County Council began work on a £50,000 scheme to alter the traffic calming measures last week. Workers are also making changes to the disabled parking, repaving and resurfacing footpaths and extending waiting restrictions.

It is expected to take six weeks and council chiefs believe it will help to relieve congestion but warned of possible disruption while it takes

place. The pinch points were installed following an improvement project in 2010 but they sparked complaints.

Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Simon Tagg, said: "These new measures will be of great help to both motorists and pedestrians, creating a safer environment as well as improving traffic flow along the High Street."

He said following complaints, the council carried out a road safety review and set up a working group with villagers and parish councillors.

Kinver resident Bob Clarke, of Jenks Avenue, said he welcomed the changes. "These pinch points have been causing hold ups so it should make the traffic flow better," he said.

Following the completion of the first work in 2011, householders sent in their views on the scheme. Of the 252 letters sent to Kinver Parish Council, 202 criticised the pinch points.



Kaye and John Bonnett, who are going to take part in another cycle ride for charity

Couple in saddle again for charity

A COUPLE will be getting in the saddle to take on a second charity cycle in under a year – all in the name of raising money for cancer charities. John and Kaye Bonnett, from Albion Street, Brierley Hill, will set out on a 140-mile ride from Whitehaven, Cumbria, to Newcastle on September 3.

It comes almost a year after the pair finished a 1,050-mile bike ride across Britain in 14 days, raising more than £2,000 for Mary Stevens Hospice.

This year, the couple hope to raise even more cash for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Mr Bonnett's mother Marlene. Mr Bonnett, aged 31, is a driver for Whittle Coaches, Kidderminster. Mrs Bonnett, 30, is a cleaner at the Glassworks pub in Stourbridge.

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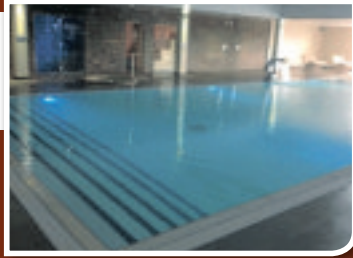
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NEWS

Objectors called snobs as housing plan backed

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build 70 homes in Hagley, near Stourbridge, have been given the go-ahead – despite objections from hundreds of worried residents.

Some of the objections raised to social housing were described as snobbery.

Bromsgrove District Council's planning committee last week approved the scheme, off Western Road, close to where Cala is set to build more than 175 properties.

Worcestershire county councillor Rachel Jenkins, from Hagley Action Group, which raised a 500-name petition against the latest plan, said: "We would as a community accept that we have to have some social housing."

"But we don't want a development affecting the character of the area."

She suggested that some of the social housing requirements that are part of the scheme should be transferred over to developments nearer Bromsgrove, which she said had a greater need for affordable homes.

As part of the project,

by Heather Large

thousands of pounds would be invested in the area by the developers, including more than £200,000 on local roads and nearly £50,000 for Hagley and Belbroughton medical centres.

It would also see investment in schools as well as more parking in Hagley centre.

Greg Mitchell, of planning consultants Peter Frampton, the firm behind the Western Road development, said it would lead to investment in the community.

Labour Councillor Christine McDonald said: "The report clearly shows that Hagley needs more affordable homes."

"The policy of having a 40 per cent target for affordable homes is to create a more mixed community."

"And I'm afraid to say that some of these objections seem like snobbery."

Red card for racism is footballers' lesson



Students Tess Walker and Alex Cameron, both 13, with Luther Blissett and Osei Sankofa

FOOTBALLERS joined students to show racism the red card during a packed day of activities at their school. Pupils at Dudley's Castle High School helped kick start their own Respect campaign by hosting the players for the event.

Former Watford and AC Milan player and England star Luther Blissett visited the school to meet pupils and host workshops. He was joined by fellow footballers including Charlton Athletic player Osei Sankofa.

They aim to dispel some of the myths about racism and talk about their own experiences on the football field.

Year 8 pupils also enjoyed football fitness sessions and the day was rounded off with an assembly led by the players as part of the Show Racism the Red Card roadshow.

Deputy headteacher Ian Moore said: "The students respect the footballers and look up to them so they listen when the players talk about their own experiences."

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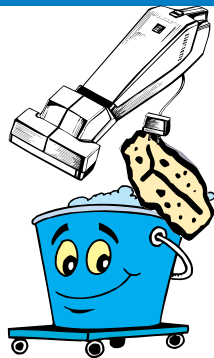
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Amy misses race but raises cash



Fundraiser Amy Passey made £750 painting nails

A SCHOOLGIRL took to painting the nails of friends and family to raise hundreds of pounds for charity after being unable to take part in fundraising event.

Amy Passey, aged 13, was diagnosed last month with anorexia and couldn't join 2,000 other competitors at last month's Race For Life event in Himley. Determined to still raise cash for Cancer Research UK, the student at Thorns Community College, Quarry Bank, decided to provide manicures from her home instead.

Over the weekend, Amy painted the nails of more than 70 people, raising

£570. She said: "I was unable to do the Race for Life so looked for something else to do. I enjoy painting nails, so opened my home up for people to have their nails done."

"I was surprised how many people came. It turned out well and I raised a lot of money."

Amy, who wants to become a teacher, said she planned other similar events, while also battling her eating disorder.

Difficult

Her mother Angela thanked people for their support for Amy and the family.

She said: "It is a very difficult time. It's going to take a long time to put right, but we're all strong and we're

grateful for all the support we have had so far."

She said Amy was diagnosed with the condition last month. She was taken to the doctor after Angela noticed her stopping eating her food and losing weight.

She was unable to take part in the race, which was 3km or 5km, because of a lack of nutrition. Her mother said: "We're all really proud of her, and what she has done to raise so much money for charity."

More than 2,000 women took part of the Race For Life event at Himley Park earlier this month, raising about £135,000. Due to the success of the race a further event will be staged at the park later this year.

Homes and firms to get fast broadband

HOMES and businesses in Stourbridge will be among 2,220 in the region to get the latest high-speed broadband as part of a £2.5 billion roll-out project by BT.

The work is due to be completed by the end of next spring and is expected to help create jobs and boost the economy.

Across the region more than 1.2 million households and businesses can now get fibre broadband and this figure is expected to reach about 1.73m next year. Mike Cook, BT regional director for the West Midlands, said: "We're pleased to announce further investment in fibre broadband as part of our continuing commitment to make the technology as widely available as possible. Fast, sophisticated connections are the cornerstone of a successful community, impacting on many aspects of modern life and providing a platform for new businesses and jobs."

Mr Cook said future-proofed fibre broadband transforms the way online services are used from entertainment and education to shopping and social networking. It can also enhance firms' competitiveness.

Names needed for volunteers of year awards

THE search is on to find the best volunteers in the Dudley borough with the launch of an annual awards scheme.

Five of last year's Dudley Volunteer Awards winners came together to mark the start of nominations for this year's scheme.

The volunteers who scooped the awards last year unveiled a new poster campaign as part of the launch in the hope of inspiring more people to help their communities.

Nominations are wanted for people who make a difference through community action, health, sport, the environment and safety.

Two special awards will be presented to the young volunteers of the year.

The long service award will be presented in memory of former Dudley CVS Chair Gordon Lindsay.

Individuals or groups can

be put forward as long as their volunteering is unpaid activity. The closing date is for votes is September 6.

Shortlisted volunteers will be invited to a gala event at Brierley Hill Civic Hall in October.

Eileen Fielding, from Dudley Volunteer Centre, said: "Many of us know people who give their time every day to make our local communities even more vibrant."

Massive

"Dudley Volunteer Awards is a fantastic opportunity to thank these people for the massive difference that they make and we are delighted that people who were recognised last year have joined us to call for nominations".

Nomination forms can be picked up from borough libraries and Dudley Council Plus or downloaded from www.dudleycvcs.org.uk.

Motorcyclists roar in with charity cash

A STOURBRIDGE motorcycle club has raised hundreds of pounds for a Birmingham charity.

The Railway Rally Club in Lye raised £500 for the Ronald McDonald House, a charity and donation-funded home allowing accommodation for families with children being treated at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Members organised a fun day at the Railway Pub, Pedmore Road, which included a barbecue, games, competition and live music. There was also a 1980s-themed disco and the Wolverhampton bobsled team also made an appearance dressed as Oompah-Loompahs.

Organiser Nicki O'Sullivan said: "I am so pleased we were able to raise such a fantastic amount of money for a great cause. The Ronald McDonald House acts as a lifeline to many families and it is the club's charity of the year."

"I would like to thank everybody who turned up and showed their support during the day and donated money."

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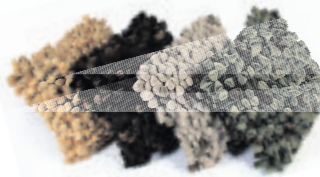
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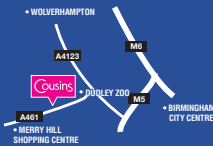
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NEWS

Pupils book their place in sculpture for library



Artist Luke Perry with Annabelle Lilley and Oscar Hamilton-Roderick with the designs for parts of the sculpture

DESIGNS have been unveiled for a sculpture to take pride of place outside Stourbridge Library as part of a £50 million redevelopment project.

Stourbridge-based artist Luke Perry has been commissioned by developers to create the piece of artwork.

Work is progressing on the multi-million new Crown Centre which will include a Tesco supermarket.

The sculpture will be installed outside the library's new entrance once the development has been completed.

Mr Perry, who runs the not-for-profit company Industrial Heritage Stronghold which creates heritage-inspired public art, led a series of workshops with children and adults at the

library to discover people's views and love of the town and its history.

He has created a final artwork design that will take the form of hundreds of flying books, cut out of steel and suspended from the ceiling of the new Crown Centre.

Many of the metal books will be cut through with designs based upon peoples' love of the area and their passion for books and reading.

Feature

Characters from fiction will fly alongside personalities from the area through the new atrium which will be opened later this year.

The base of the artwork will feature two life sized relief sculptures in steel of two children from 'St James' Primary School, Wollaston. Annabelle

Lily and Oscar Hamilton-Roderick took part in the project and were chosen by the artist to star in the artwork.

Dressed in Victorian clothing, they will be captured in stainless steel when their metallic replicas will be set into the wall of the new library entrance.

The first pages and fictional characters will emerge from the books Annabelle and Oscar are holding as the pages wing their way to the ceiling.

Dudley's regeneration chief Councillor Judy Foster said: "The design for this artwork has been truly community driven, and I think it's fitting that two of our schoolchildren who have contributed to the design will be immortalised in steel to provide an inspiring welcome to the library for their own and future generations."

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opening it now." Funding has covered set-up costs of the venture, including bakery equipment.

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Mr Durnin said he would still sell some modern treats.

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NEWS

PE teacher ups sticks and retires after 35 years at one school



Giving a guard of honour to teacher Jo Hall after 35 years of teaching are, from left, Sasha Jones, Jaz Townsend, Ellie Warren, Katie Wright, Elise Farrington, Chloe Tranter and Laura Jayne Mullett

PE teacher Jo Hall has passed on her love for sport to generations of young people during her 35 year career.

She even taught hockey to up and coming players who have had international success and live out their Olympic dream.

Now Miss Hall is hanging up her hockey stick and boots as she retires as head of PE at The Crestwood School, Kingswinford.

Miss Hall is originally from Staly-

bridge, Greater Manchester, and upped sticks to the West Midlands to find work after she completed her teaching qualifications.

She started as a newly-qualified teacher at Crestwood in 1978, eventually progressing to being head of department 17 years ago.

Her main love has been hockey but she has also been a keen tennis and basketball player over the years.

Figure

Two of her students have gone on to enjoy success in hockey with Sarah Fellows playing for England and

Jennie Bimson winning a place in the GB squad for the Beijing Olympics. Colleagues said Miss Hall has also been an instrumental figure in the promotion of girls' sport within Dudley.

She has been vice chairman of the Dudley Association of Girls' Sport and has helped organise annual hockey tournaments.

"I have really enjoyed my time here at Crestwood as the children have been great," said Miss Hall who lives in Gornal, Dudley.

"Getting to see them take up sport and enjoy it has been good. I have had

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The refuge shelter which was closed down by the housing association



Glenthorne House before its current redevelopment into 11 flats



Construction work under way to convert the well-known building



The staircase at the historic Glenthorne House

The changing face of an historic village property

by Darren Butler

THE future of an historic Cheslyn Hay home is looking more secure, bringing an end to nearly a decade of decline.

South Staffs Housing Association is converting Glenthorne House – one of the homes to the Hawkins' family – into 11 one-bedroom apartments.

One of three purpose-built mansions for the family, Glenthorne was built around 1889 by Thomas Albert Hawkins, son of Joseph Hawkins and owner of the Coppice Colliery. The land on which Glenthorne stands was originally the garden for 28 High Street and owned by Henry Poyner in the early 1800s. By 1849 he had sold it to original colliery owner Edward Sayer.

Life at Glenthorne for the servants involved long hours, arduous work and little pay serving Thomas Hawkins, 'Mr Tom' as he was known, his wife Alethea and their family.

Thomas and Alethea had a daughter, also named Alethea (b1887), and two sons Osmond and Clarence. Both saw plenty of

active service, and Osmond, a Major, was badly injured with shrapnel wounds in June 1915 while commanding his platoon in the trenches and returned to England for hospital treatment. However Clarence, a Captain, paid the ultimate sacrifice and was killed in September 1917 aged just 28.

As a memorial, Mr Tom had an etched glass window of his portrait on the door leading from the hall into the house.

After the war, Osmond and his wife Marion Crutchley Hawkins (nee de Fontblanc) moved into the premises and it remained one of the three Hawkins' residences until Mr Tom and Alethea moved to Aldridge in the mid-20s, selling the snooker building to the left of Glenthorne House and the gardens to the rear to William Wollaston who converted it into a residential dwelling and moved in with his wife Sarah Ann.

Prior to World War II, Glenthorne House was converted into three apartments and became home to the Hills,

Worseys, Pearsons, Albert Parsons and Alice Holden. The former kitchen and servant areas also became residences.

Thomas Hawkins died in 1936, but his nephew Sydney and his wife Henrietta moved in. Sydney had previously lived at 28 High Street and ran a bakery there.

At the start of World War II the house had been sold to Horace W Thomas who moved into the old snooker building. Around 1957 the house was sold to a Mr Hogens for £6,500 which finally brought to end the 70-year link between Glenthorne House and the Hawkins dynasty.

South Staffs Council later bought Glenthorne House and created five flats. Due to the poor state of the former snooker building the council had to pull it down.

In 1994 a mother and toddler woman's refuge shelter was built where the gardens once flourished. It was sold on three years later to the housing association, which immediately closed down the shelter.

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NEWS

Metal thieves strip gas pipes from home again

Beat goes on for academy

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Among them will be Paul Weller's long-time drummer Andy White on August 29 and Paul Stewart from The Feeling in October.

Andy White, who has performed with the Who and Oasis, will hold a drum clinic.

Mr Edwards, who runs the academy with Dave Mason, said he was proud to be celebrating the 10th anniversary.

"It really has been a huge success," he said.

"We have 150 students at the moment and I have lost count of the numbers who have come through the doors over the years."

For details, go to midlandacademyofdrumming.co.uk



Drumming up success Andy Edwards, left, with Dave Mason at the academy

THIEVES have stripped gas pipes from a home in Coseley for the second time in five weeks.

The raiders struck at Robert Wynd, causing distress for 66-year-old Glenis Pearce who is a full-time carer to her disabled husband, John, 70.

She first noticed the pipes, which were replacements for ones stolen on June 12, were missing from the wall of her home on Sunday morning of last week.

Mrs Pearce, who cares for her husband John said she was shocked by the theft.

"I couldn't believe it had happened again," she said. "My husband is severely disabled and has four carers visit each day. "We need the gas to keep the house warm."

They were covered in anti-theft paint, which means it will be all over the people who took them."

More than half a dozen properties were targeted in the first raids in June.

Terraced houses in nearby Clifton Street were among those hit.

Mrs Pearce had been woken by a loud noise at 4am and when she went downstairs she could smell gas. Fire crews from Dudley and Bilston were called to Clifton Street after residents reported a strong smell of gas at 7am.

They found strips of copper gas piping cut off on one end of the row of properties. Police also attended as a precaution.

A National Grid spoke said it was 'incredibly dangerous' for people to cut pipes. Other properties in Coseley have also been raided by metal thieves during the past year.

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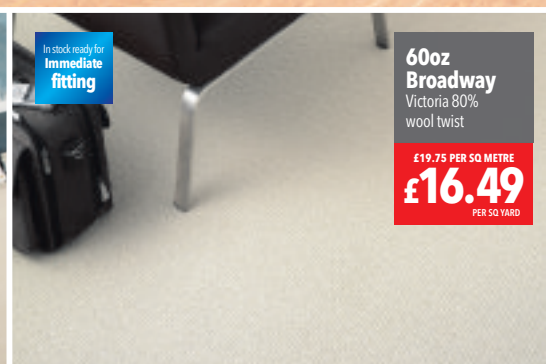
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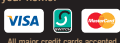
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Federation members welcomed

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THE July meeting was opened by Chairman of the day Liz Hubbard who welcomed Margaret Brookes and Joyce Major – representatives from the federation, guild members and visitors.

Secretary Liz Moseley, gave details of a trip to Boundary Mill and a future canal trip. The federation report, given by Ann Birchell, contained details of the Harvest Supper on Wednesday October 9th at Wollaston Village Hall.

The next lunch meeting will be at the Holly Bush, Penn on August 5th.

The next coffee morning will be at the home of Pat Caddick on Wednesday July 17 and at Margaret Ford's on August 14 both, 10.30am.

Tickets for the forthcoming show The Full Monty on September 25 at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, are going well and a possible outing to a Tinsel & Turkey visit may be arranged.

The guild will book a table at the Community Association Christmas Bazaar on December 7 with a 'prize every time tombola'.

The chairman then introduced Lizzie Spicer who gave a very interesting talk about The History of Handbags.

The next group meeting will be on Monday August 19 when there will be a Harvest Table Sale followed by entertainment. Wordsley Guild meets every third Monday of the month at Wordsley Green Community Centre, 10am.

President Doreen is on fourth term



New President of Sedgley & Wombourne Inner Wheel Club, Doreen Pike, third from left, with fellow members at Wombourne carnival. This is the second time since being District Chairman and fourth time overall Doreen has held this office. In her spare time she is also the organist at Wombourne Methodist Church.

SEDGLEY & WOMBOURNE INNER WHEEL

Birthday dinner a success

THE monthly meeting of Grange E guild was held at Grange Court, Stourbridge on July 2nd.

Chairman Hazel Smith presided. Jill Attwood reported the birthday dinner at the Vine Inn, Clent, had been a huge success. Marlene O'Hanlon reported the lunch club was still going well. Marlene also gave out further information regarding shoe boxes which members were asked

GRANGE E GUILD

to fill with suitable items for children in various age groups. The speaker for the evening was Patricia Boyd who gave a very interesting talk called What the Butler Saw.

A vote of thanks was given by Chairman Hazel Smith on members' behalf.

All members attending

the West Midlands Federation Luncheon at the Mill Hotel, Alveley were Informed reception would be at 11.30am for lunch at 12.30pm. The raffle was drawn and prizes awarded.

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REVIEW

It's all confidential as hit show secrets are revealed

Strictly Confidential, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

IT is no secret that Lisa Riley can dance, as fans of Strictly Come Dancing would testify. However, the popular actress proved an all-round entertainer, taking a lead role in this production as well as singing a couple of numbers.

Larger than life Riley was a surprising dark horse during the last series of the BBC show. She was joined here by three of the show's professionals, namely Ian Waite, Artem Chitnitsev and Natalie Lowe.

In it, the stars reveal all about themselves, their careers and some of their favourite things in life.

Clips

Strictly obviously features highly, and in this production, the cast relive a selection of their favourite show moments, the dances and the stories behind them, some of it with help of video clips.

There were also other surprising revelations, like the fact that Kings Have Long Arms have an album track entitled Lisa Riley.

She also revealed that celebrities signed up for the show have codenames so they can't be identified by the Press. And she announced she will still have a role to play in this year's series.

Amid all the lavish costume changes and flawless dancing, there are poignant moments in this stage show as Riley remembers her late mother, whom she lost to cancer last year.

There was humorous content in the form of an Emmerdale montage paying homage to Riley's character Mandy Dingle. But it's not all about her.

Chitnitsev, Waite and Lowe, all previous Strictly finalists, had their share



The whole cast on stage during Strictly Confidential in Birmingham

of the limelight, revealing all about themselves in the process.

The ensemble of backing dancers and musicians played their part.

Fall

The accompanying music was cleverly chosen and it was altogether well-choreographed.

Riley's fall downstairs was not

scripted, however, although it did bring amusement to her fellow cast. Written and directed by Craig Revell Horwood, there is only one way to describe the show, darling: Fab-u-lous.

Strictly confidentially, Lowe revealed she was looking for love. Keep it to yourself, but I found myself drawn to the long-legged Aussie beauty.

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LG Arena gig – Will.i.am

Mitchel ready to rock Robin

A UNIVERSITY of Wolverhampton student who reached the finals of TV talent show The Voice will perform at the Robin 2 in Bilston next month.

Mitchel Emms will be at Mount Pleasant venue on September 11 with MisterNothing, the 19-year-old's alternative rock project. The Burntwood teenager made it to the quarter finals of The Voice after being selected by Script singer Danny O'Donoghue. Since the show, he has finished his live album, entitled All My Favourite Bands are Dead, to be released this autumn.

"I've had some great times at The Robin 2 and we're really looking to blow the roof of the place this time round with our new headline show," he said.

Box office 01902 401211.



Brigit Forsyth, left, and Sian Phillips in Alan Bennett's play People, re-opening the Rep

The Rep re-opens to People

BIRMINGHAM Repertory Theatre re-opens to the public after its two-and-a-half-year closure and major refurbishment with the popular National Theatre production of Alan Bennett's latest People.

Selina Cadell from the original London cast will be joined by two veteran actresses, Sian Phillips and Brigit Forsyth, both probably best known for their roles in I Claudius and Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads respectively.

The comic and poignant play tells of a culture clash as the elderly owner of a stately home comes under pressure from her archdeacon sister to turn it over to the National Trust.

It is staged at the new revamped Rep in Centenary Square from September 3 to 21. Call 0121 236 4455.

Glass collection goes on display

A PRIVATE collection of glass featuring pieces dating back to the 1600s has gone on display at Kingswinford's Broadfield House Glass Museum.

The Roger Pilkington glass has been in the care of Sotheby's and this is the first time it has been on public display. He put the collection together during the 1960s.

Dudley councillor and cabinet member for environment and culture, Tracy Wood, said: "We are really privileged to have this collection on loan."

History society is to host talk

THE history society in the village of Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, will hear about plans to restore the gardens of Hagley Hall.

The talk, by Joe Hawkins, head gardener at the stately home, will be at Belbroughton Church Hall on September 18. A meeting will be held at 7.45pm with the talk at 8pm. Non-members welcome. Admission is £2.50.

Museum sleuths

VISITORS to the Black Country Living Museum can put their sleuthing skills to the test over the summer holiday. Each week of the holiday there will be a new mystery to solve and a culprit to find around the attraction, in Tipton Road, Dudley.



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Mel Smith

A Tribute to Mel Smith

BBC2, 10.10pm

He may not have been as regular on TV as he was back in the 1980s and 1990s, but Mel Smith remains one of the most instantly recognisable faces in British comedy. His death on July 19 shocked those who grew up watching him in the likes of Not the Nine O'Clock News, Colin's Sandwich, and Muck and Brass. But it was for his partnership with Griff Rhys Jones that Smith will probably forever be remembered. This documentary features clips from many of his most memorable projects, as well as tributes from his friends and fans.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Reopens Bel Ami. (1947) **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Swimming: World Championships. **2.30** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. **4.25** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. (1989). Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. **7.30** I Love My Country. New series. Gabby Logan hosts this celebrity game show. **8.20** The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete in several quiz rounds, with the winners playing for the money in the safe. **9.10** Casualty. Trainee doctor Lily uncovers a link between three apparently unconnected patients, while Dixie helps a woman knocked over by a cyclist. Honor Blackman guest stars. **10.00** Mrs Brown's Boys. Dermot Gels cold feet in the run-up to his wedding. (R) **10.30** BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.50** Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. Featuring Patrick Kieley, Neil Delamere, Jeff Green and Kerry Godliman. (R) **11.35** The Football League Show. Manish Ghosh presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, on the opening weekend of the Football League season. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.00** Film: The Adventures of Michael Strogoff. (1937) **8.20** Film: The Private Affairs of Bel Ami. (1947) **10.10** Reel History of Britain. (R) **11.30** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **11.30** University Challenge. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** Talking Pictures. **1.25** Film: Hotel Reserve. (1944) **2.55** Flog It! (R) **3.25** Wild Shepherdess with Kate Humble. (R) **4.25** Live Golf: The Women's British Open. **6.00** Swimming: World Championships. Gabby Logan presents coverage from the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona, where this evening's session features the finals of five events and heats in three others. **7.30** Proms Extra 2013. With guests Julian Joseph, Tarik O'Regan and Tamara Rojo. **8.10** David Starkey's Music & Monarchy. How Great Britain's dominance as a military and economic power in the 18th century inspired patriotic classics, and a look at the pieces Handel wrote for the royal family. **9.10** Top of the Lake. A violent incident sees Robin thrown off the case, but she carries on her investigation unofficially and uncovers mobile-phone footage suggesting Tui might still be alive. **10.10** A Tribute to Mel Smith. Griff Rhys Jones remembers his friend and former comedy partner, who died last month. **10.45** Not Again: Not the Nine O'Clock News. The inside story of the comedy sketch show. (R) **12.15** Film: The Children. (2008) **1.35** Film: Devils of Darkness. (1965) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Cany Bats. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Butowski - Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes. **8.00** Gravity Falls. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Saturday Farm. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.25** Midsomer Murders. (R) **3.25** Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) **6.00** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.15** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **7.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **7.30** Your Face Sounds Familiar. Four of the celebrities impersonate one final line-up of pop and rock stars, competing to win £50,000 for charity. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host. Last in the series. **8.45** All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street stars Charlie Condou (Marcus) and Paula Lane (Kylie) team up with their families in an attempt to win big money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts. Last in the series. **9.45** The Americans. The FBI hunts for Amador's murderer. **10.35** ITV News; Weather. **10.50** Film: Air America. (1990) Vietnam War comedy adventure, with Mel Gibson, Robert Downey Jr, Nancy Travis and Burt Kwouk. **12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British F3. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Undercover Boss. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.25** Channel 4 News. **6.55** Ramadan Diaries. Short films following British Muslims as they observe the holy month of Ramadan and talk about the effects of fasting. Part of the 4Ramadan season. **7.00** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud revisits Mimi and Andre da Costa, who set out to construct a sustainable two-storey timber house in the Kent countryside, heated by glass panels. (R) **8.00** Film: X-Men. (2000) Mutant outsiders with strange powers fight to defend mankind from a superhuman terrorist faction. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. **10.00** Film: Kick-Ass. (2010) Premiere. A teenager sets out to become a superhero, but finds real-life crime-fighting much more dangerous than in comics. Action comedy, starring Aaron Johnson and Nicolas Cage. **12.15** Rude Tube. (R) **1.15** Film: Aeon Flux. (2005) **2.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.05** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.50** Sluggert. **11.10** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.45** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **1.10** Film: A Bridge Too Far. (1977) Fact-based Second World War drama, with Dirk Bogarde. **4.30** CSI: NY. (R) **5.30** Film: Jesse Stone: No Remorse. (2010) Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck. **7.00** Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the Third Test at Old Trafford, where the series passed the halfway point. **8.00** NCIS. Part two of two. The safe house is attacked, leaving Vance in hospital and Eli missing, but with all the Palestinians accounted for it is unclear who was responsible. (R) **8.55** NCIS. The agents are asked by the deputy district attorney to search for a missing Navy officer scheduled to testify in a forthcoming murder trial. (R) **9.50** 5 News Weekend. **10.00** Big Brother's Highlights. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants. **11.00** Film: The Psych. AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour. **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Die Hard with a Vengeance (1995) **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **BBC Four** **7.00** The Comet's Tale **8.00** Oceans **9.00** Wallander: The Pyramid **10.30** Folk at the BBC **ITV2** **3.00** The Xtra Factor: Boys Best & Worst Ever **4.00** You've Been Framed! **6.30** Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **9.00** Film: Hot Fuzz (2007) **11.20** Film: Harold & Kumar Get the Munchies (2004) **ITV3** **3.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.50** Foyle's War **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.00** Cold Blood **ITV4** **2.20** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **5.15** Live Pre-Season Football. Monaco v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 5.30pm). **7.35** Black Gold **8.30** Police. Camera. Action! **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00** Film: Get Carter (1971) **E4** **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Suburgatory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: My Stepmother is an Alien (1988) **11.10** PhoneShop **11.40** The Inbetweeners **Film4** **2.45** Little Manhattan (2005) **4.30** Swiss Family Robinson (1960) **7.05** Monster-in-Law (2005). Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez and Janis Fonda. **9.00** Enemy at the Gates (2001). Second World War drama, starring Jude Law. **11.35** Adrift (2006). Thriller, with Eric Dane and Susan May Pratt.

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SUNDAY'S TV 4.08.13

CHOICE



Lana Parrilla

Once Upon a Time

Channel 5, 8pm
There's a new kid in town in the mystery fantasy but who is he? On the morning after the Dark Curse, he and his father enter Storybrooke in the year 1983, but find it hard to leave when Regina invites the pair to stay. When Kurt declines her offer, she makes Sheriff Graham arrest him for 'drunk driving' to ensure he sticks around anyway. However, after witnessing this, Kurt grabs his son, Owen, and runs for the border. Meanwhile, in present day Storybrooke, Regina is in mourning over Cora and determined to destroy Snow White.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **11.30** Live Cycling. **2.00** BBC News: Weather. **2.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.55** Earthlight: Flying High. (R) **4.30** Live Cycling.
6.30 **Deadly 60 on a Mission.** Steve Backshall searches for lethal animals in Sri Lanka, encountering an elusive leopard, the mugger crocodile, the Indian rock python and the blue whale. Last in the series.
7.00 **Celebrity Mastermind.** Famous faces put their knowledge to the test. (R)
7.30 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.
8.00 **Countryfile.** A visit to the Wyke Valley on the Welsh-English border, where Ellie Harrison goes rock climbing. Plus, a report on the controversial method of gas extraction known as fracking. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
9.00 **The White Queen.** A sudden, unexpected turn of events leaves Elizabeth devastated – and before long friends have turned into enemies and family have become murderers as they fight for the throne.
10.00 **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.** Satirical quiz. (R)
11.10 **Room 101 – Extra Storage.** With Terry Wogan, Phil Tunnell and Victoria Coren Mitchell. (R)
11.50 **The Sky at Night.** The team visits the UK's space cluster in Oxfordshire.
12.10 **Weather.** **12.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 **Film:** Hindle Wakes. (1952) **7.30** **Around the World in 80 Days.** (R) **8.30** **The Beechgrove Garden.** 9.00 **Gardeners' World.** (R) **9.30** **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** **11.00** **Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well.** (R) **11.30** **EastEnders.** **1.25** **Flog It!** (R) **1.55** **Live Golf:** The Women's British Open.
6.00 **Swimming: World Championships.** Gabby Logan presents coverage from the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona.
7.30 **Porridge.** The inmates face a day of hard labour digging drains on a lonely stretch of moorland – but try to turn the situation to their advantage. (R)
8.00 **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson drives the Jaguar F-Type. Richard Hammond tests the latest Range Rover Sport and James May goes for an adventure in the New Bus for London. Last in the series.
9.00 **Das Auto: The Germans.** Top Gear's Jeremy Clarkson traces the history of Germany's automobile industry and explores the role cars have played in changing the global perception of the country.
10.00 **The Real White Queen and Her Rivals.** Part two of two. The influence the three women had on the monarchy. (R)
11.00 **Film: Irresistible.** (2006) A paranoid housewife becomes convinced another woman is trying to steal her husband and takes drastic steps to protect her marriage. Thriller, with Susan Sarandon.
12.40 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R) **1.35** **Holby City.** (R) **2.35** **This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** **Jake and the Neverland Pirates.** **6.25** **Poppy Cat.** **6.40** **Poppy Cat.** **6.50** **Animals.** (R) **7.00** **Animals.** (R) **7.10** **Bookaboo.** (R) **7.20** **Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil.** **7.35** **The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes!** **8.00** **Sunny with a Chance.** **8.25** **ITV News.** **9.25** **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** **10.20** **Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.20** **ITV News: Weather.** **11.25** **Film: Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind.** (1975) **12.55** **Love Your Garden.** (R) **1.55** **Fool Britannia.** (R) **2.25** **You've Been Framed!** (R) **2.55** **A Touch of Frost.** (R) **3.00** **Film: Liar Liar.** (1997). Comedy, starring Jim Carrey.
6.30 **Regional Programme;** Weather.
6.45 **ITV News: Weather.**
7.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** With Eamonn Holmes, Ruth Langford and Brian Dowling.
8.00 **All Star Mr & Mrs.** The three couples competing are West End star Ray Quinn and his wife Emma, TV presenters Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton, and vocal coaches Carrie and David Grant.
9.00 **Law & Order: UK.** A woman's body is found in the Thames.
10.00 **ITV News: Weather.**
10.15 **Perspectives: David Suchet – The Mystery of Agatha Christie.** The Poirot star explores the life and work of the crime writer. (R)
11.15 **Murder, She Wrote.** A friend of Jessica is charged with murder. (R)
12.10 **The Store.** **2.10** **Monk.** (R) **2.55** **Motorsport UK.** **3.45** **ITV News: Weather.** **5.05** **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Treacle People.** (R) **6.10** **Blancpain Endurance Series.** **7.05** **Ironman 2013.** **7.35** **World Trail Running Championships.** **8.00** **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.30** **Frasier.** (R) **9.00** **Frasier.** (R) **9.30** **Sunday Brunch.** **12.30** **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.00** **The Simpsons.** (R) **1.30** **Deal or No Deal: Deafest.** **2.30** **Film: The Spy Next Door.** (2010) **4.00** **Film: Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief.** (2010)
6.35 **Channel 4 News.**
6.55 **Ramadan Diaries.** Short films following British Muslims as they observe Ramadan.
7.00 **Princess Diana's Dresses: The Auction.** The stories behind some of Diana, Princess of Wales's most memorable outfits, which were put up for auction, including a velvet gown in which she famously danced with John Travolta. (R)
8.00 **The Mill.** Esther arrives at court after assaulting overseas Charlie, while Susannah and Daniel get off to a bad start working together and Hannah attends an abolitionist meeting.
9.00 **Southcliffe.** New series. Drama set in a fictional market town where a shooting spree devastates the lives of residents. A reporter goes in search of answers.
10.00 **Film: Forrest Gump.** (1994) Oscar-winning comedy drama, starring Tom Hanks.
12.45 **Film: The Good German.** (2006) **2.30** **The Island.** (R) **2.50** **Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** (R) **3.50** **Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** (R) **4.00** **Deal or No Deal.** (R) **4.55** **Secret Eaters.** (R) **5.50** **SuperScrimpers.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15** **Fifi and the Flowertots.** (R) **6.25** **Bubble Guppies.** (R) **6.40** **The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.50** **Chloe's Closet.** **7.00** **Roobarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.10** **Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25** **Noddy in Toyland.** (R) **7.35** **Milkshake! Monkey.** **7.40** **City of Friends.** (R) **7.55** **Little Princess.** (R) **8.05** **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.20** **Mio Mao.** (R) **8.25** **Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.40** **Rupert Bear.** (R) **8.55** **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **9.00** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.15** **Toby's Travelling Circus.** **9.30** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **9.45** **Jelly Jam.** **10.00** **Power Rangers Samurai.** **10.35** **Sluggert.** **11.00** **Meerkat Manor.** (R) **11.30** **Big Brother.** (R) **12.30** **BB BOTS: Ryan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday.** **1.30** **World's Worst Holiday Horrors.** (R) **2.30** **Film: The Rocketeer.** (1991) **4.40** **Film: The Man in the Iron Mask.** (1998)
7.00 **Cricket: The Ashes.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from Old Trafford, where the Third Test of the five-match series continued with the fourth day's play.
8.00 **Once Upon a Time.** Regina vows to kill Snow White for her part in Cora's death.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Big Brother.**
10.00 **Film: Blade II.** (2002) Thriller with Wesley Snipes.
12.15 **Love/Hate.** (R) **1.15** **SuperCasino.** **4.00** **Nick's Quest.** (R) **4.25** **Make It Big.** (R) **4.50** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.00** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.05** **Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.20** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.25** **The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.40** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.50** **Hana's Helpline.** (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 **Great Movie Mistakes III:** Not in 3D **8.00** **Shoplife** **9.00** **Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents** **10.00** **Family Guy** **10.25** **Family Guy: 200 Episodes Later** **10.45** **Badutts** **11.15** **American Dad!**
BBC Four
7.00 **A Poet's Guide to Britain** **7.30** **Proms on Four: 20th Century Classics** **9.15** **Egypt's Lost Cities** **10.45** **Alan Whicker's Journey of a Lifetime** **11.45** **Fairport Convention: Who Knows Where the Time Goes?**
ITV2
3.00 **Film: A Cinderella Story** (2004) **4.55** **Film: Step Up** (2006) **7.00** **Film: Two Weeks Notice** (2002) **9.00** **Film: Whip It** (2009) **11.20** **Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **11.55** **Hell's Kitchen**
ITV3
3.00 **Film: Carry On Girls** (1973) **4.45** **Wycliffe** **5.55** **Agatha Christie's Poirot** **9.00** **Film: Bird on a Wire** (1990) **11.20** **A Touch of Frost**
ITV4
11.15 **Live British Touring Car Championship** **6.00** **BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights** **7.00** **Goodwood Festival of Speed 2013** **8.00** **Premiership Rugby Union** **Sevens** **9.00** **Film: Tango & Cash** (1989) **11.05** **Film: Tremors** (1989)
E4
3.35 **How I Met Your Mother** **5.00** **The Mindy Project** **5.30** **The Big Bang Theory** **7.00** **New Girl** **7.30** **How I Met Your Mother** **8.00** **Film: Maid in Manhattan** (2002) **10.05** **The Inbetweeners** **10.40** **Skins: Rise – Part One** **11.45** **Don't Trust the B-**** in Apartment 23**
Film4
3.10 **Inspector Gadget** (1999) **4.45** **In Good Company** (2004) **6.55** **She's the Man** (2006) **9.00** **Star Trek** (2009) **11.30** **12 Rounds** (2008)

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Film Choices

MONDAY

The Thief of Bagdad, Channel 4, 1.05pm

A daring Arabian thief finds himself imprisoned with the deposed king, and together the pair devise a plan to escape and reclaim the throne – with a little help from flying carpets, a genie, a magical jewel and an enchanted mechanical horse. Fantasy adventure, starring Sabu, Conrad Veidt, Rex Ingram, John Justin and June Duprez. (1940)

TUESDAY

Cocoon, Channel 4, 1.05pm

The elderly residents of a retirement home treat themselves to an occasional dip in the pool at an abandoned house. It turns out that friendly aliens in human form are using the place to restore dormant members of their species – and energy from their cocoons is giving the old-timers a new lease of life. Ron Howard's sci-fi drama, with Wilford Brimley, Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn and Steve Guttenberg. (1985)

WEDNESDAY

Inside Man, ITV, 10.35pm

A police hostage negotiator is called in when a robbery turns into a siege. The chairman of the bank involved is worried the mastermind behind the heist is set to disclose secrets he needs to stay hidden, so he enlists the help of a political fixer. However, the elaborate nature of the thief's plan looks set to keep him one step ahead of the law, and causes problems for the detective assigned to rectify the situation. Spike Lee's thriller, with Denzel Washington, Clive Owen, Jodie Foster, Christopher Plummer, Willem Dafoe and Chiwetel Ejiofor. (2006)



Inside Man, Wednesday, ITV, 10.35pm

THURSDAY

Final Analysis, BBC1, 11.35pm

A psychiatrist treats a woman who is repressing traumatic memories. He meets his patient's sister in the hope of learning more about their troubled childhood, but they end up having an affair. The shrink later learns his lover is married to a psychopathic gangster, and is drawn into a murderous plot. Thriller, starring Kim Basinger, Richard Gere and Eric Roberts. (1992)

FRIDAY

Bridget Jones's Diary, ITV, 10.35pm

A single woman begins a new year with resolutions to find love, give up her bad habits and step up the career ladder. Her plans crumble as she tries to deal with her mother's infidelity, get over a passionate fling with her boss and come to terms with her feelings for an uptight lawyer. Romantic comedy, based on Helen Fielding's novel, starring Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. (2001)

Pick of the Week

David looks for answers following a tragic event

The makers of Southcliffe must have been kicking themselves when they saw Broadchurch.

Like the hit ITV drama, it's set in a small, close-knit, fictional town.

It features a tragic event that rips the soul out of a marriage, a national news reporter on the hunt for answers, and a community torn apart.

So, you could say that the producers of this new, four-part drama had their thunder stolen somewhat. However, once you get into the plot and characters, it's clear that actually, the similarities are superficial – unlike Broadchurch, it's not a whodunit; the killer is known from the start – and it's more than capable of standing on its own two feet and winning a new set of fans.

Written by Tony Grisoni, who also penned Channel 4's adaptations of David Peace's Red Riding novels, it was directed by Sean Durkin, who came to prominence thanks to his acclaimed film Marha Marcy May Marlene.

Although many assumed he'd be

off to Hollywood to make something on a massive budget, Durkin preferred to return to the UK.

"I love being in the UK," he says. "I have lived in New York for 18 years. But coming back to England feels like home, and I have the chance to catch up with a few Arsenal games!"

"The whole preconception that making TV is different to film is ridiculous. You're filming drama with great actors, so there is absolutely no difference."

"All I ever want to do is create truthful moment after truthful moment. That's what directing is about: capturing something that is honest and engaging. I hope I have done that."

Southcliffe begins at dawn one morning, with the sound of gunshots. It seems that somebody has randomly opened fire on several locals, killing them and leaving their friends and relatives shocked and unable to deal with the tragedy.

As they attempt to handle their grief, reporter David Whitehead returns to Southcliffe, the town

where he grew up, in an attempt to find out what sparked the incident, and to deal with ghosts from his past.

"Southcliffe is not the story of the killer," explains Durkin. "It's the story of the journalist who goes back to report on the tragedy, and it's also about the people left behind, the community. It's about ordinary people."

Rory Kinnear plays the reporter in question, while the 'ordinary people' are portrayed by such luminaries as Eddie Marsan, Shirley Henderson and Sean Harris.

"I formed some fantastic relationships with both the cast and crew," claims the director. "When I started work on Southcliffe I didn't know anyone at all so it was like starting at a new school."

"Luckily for me, we had an incredible cast and crew working on this project and as a result of everyone being so collaborative and open it was a wonderful experience."

And in the process, he's managed to whitewash our memories of Broadchurch – for now, at least.



Rory Kinnear stars in Southcliffe, Sunday, Channel 4, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Celebs, Brands and Fake Fans: Channel 4 Dispatches Channel 4, 8pm

Companies don't spend thousands gaining a celebrity's endorsement for nothing. They know that fans of the personality involved are more likely to try their products if they're linked to somebody they like than if they weren't. But is every endorsement quite what it seems? Film-maker Chris Atkins isn't sure; he suspects that the rise and rise of social media has led to the development of underhand tactics by certain marketing specialists who are managing to manipulate such sites as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter to benefit their clients. But how are they managing to do this? Atkins travels to Bangladesh, where he uncovers some interesting, if disturbing, facts about the matter.

The Billion Dollar Wreck Hunt

Channel 5, 8pm

Channel 5 has a canny knack for bringing us series after series focusing on the men and women around the world who have some of the most exciting jobs imaginable. Whether it's those Ioe Road Truckers or the Deadliest Catch gang, these are people for whom danger and excess are in the job description. The station's latest daring doc kicks off tonight, with a three-part series focusing on the work of deep-water salvage company Odyssey Marine Exploration, as it attempts to locate and recover treasure from three shipwrecks. First on the radar is the SS Gairsoppa, a steamer that sank in 1941 – apparently carrying a fortune in silver bullion.

TUESDAY

Stephen Fry's Key to the City ITV, 9pm

We've heard the phrase 'A celebrity is granted keys to the city' countless times over the years, but what does it mean? 'Well, you'll see in the film, there are supposed benefits, which may or may not be legendary, but let's just say I push the envelope,' remarks Stephen Fry in this one-off documentary exploring his own privileges. He'll be touring the City of London, discovering the hidden mysteries of this rich and powerful square mile. Highlights include a trip to the Bank of England's vaults and drama at the London Metal Exchange as dealers buy and sell stocks. 'It's an incredible circle of people, yelling at each other so hard you think they're going to have apoplexy,' he explains.

WEDNESDAY

How Not to Get Old Channel 4, 8pm

If you want a consumer guide to the anti-ageing industry, then this show should be just the ticket. The first episode centres on ageing bellies and wrinkly eyes. Two people with specific worries have surgery in an attempt to turn back the clock. Anna Richardson tries out the latest fat-reducing treatments in an attempt to get her 20-year-old's thighs back. Plus, Louise Redknapp gets some tips from celeb make-up

artist Charlotte Tilbury, and the unregulated world of dermal fillers also comes under the microscope. Like Cher, we may not be able to turn back time, but this show might give you some guidance on looking a few years younger at least.

Who Do You Think You Are?

BBC1, 9pm

In the mid to late 1990s you couldn't move for Minnie Driver projects such as Good Will Hunting and Hard Rain. Now 43, single mum Minnie lives in Los Angeles with her son, Henry, four. Her parents met in 1962 and were together for 13 years. They split when Minnie was six, and during that time her dad was married to somebody else and had another family. She didn't know her parents weren't married until she was 12 or 13. With such 'big gaps' in her family's history, Minnie wants to be able to fill them for her son. Thanks to a book found at a Kent jumble sale, she has a lead to get started on her quest...

THURSDAY

The Field of Blood BBC1, 9pm

The first series of The Field of

Blood, based on Denise Mina's best-selling books, was a success in 2011, so it's a surprise that it's taken so long for a follow-up to appear. But, as the saying goes, better late than never... Most of the original members cast are back, augmented by Katherine Kelly as Maloney, the tough new editor-in-chief sent to transform the struggling Daily News' fortunes. She could hit pay dirt immediately when Paddy, the focus of the first series who has now landed her dream job in the busy newsroom, and reporter McVie accidentally find a story that turns out to be red hot. Initially it seems to be a fairly standard domestic violence case, until links to kidnap, murder, political conspiracy and police corruption are revealed.

FRIDAY

Celebrity MasterChef BBC1, 8.30pm

ITV's Ade in Britain, a charming mix of travelogue and cookery sketches, proved Adrian Edmondson is one of the best presenters on the box. Of course, cooking in some random part of the UK with his mini stove is one thing. Trolling over a dish trying to impress Gregg Wallace and John Torode is something else altogether. All of which preamble brings us to the latest helping, the second quarter-final. Reigning champion Emma Kennedy, 2011 winner Phil Vickery and 2010 finalist Christine Hamilton are helping judge the contestants' efforts in their final challenge – to prepare a two-course meal. By this stage, Ade could have been shown the door, leaving John Thomson, Phillips Idowu and Denise Black.

How Not to Get Old, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

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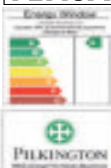
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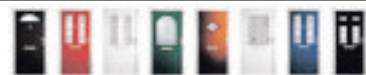
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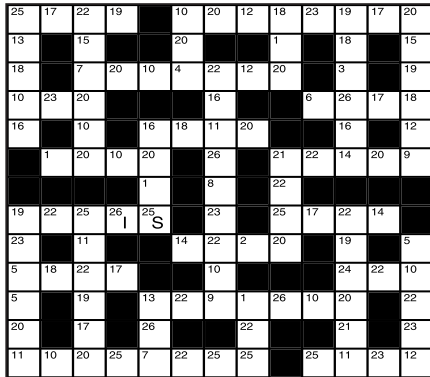
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

V	C	S	L	K	M	X	W	Q	E	A	J	U
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

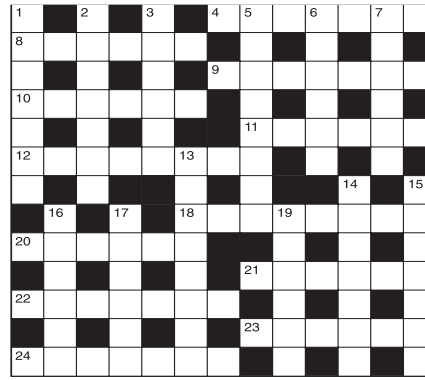
Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Present-day attitude about one kind of tissue (7)
 8. A stretcher that's left lying about (6)
 9. How the horse-man makes a street journey (7)
 10. Innumerable forgotten relations are! (6)
 11. The private soldier shows acrimony, we hear (6)
 12. Ironmongery, and what it will stand, by the sound of it (8)
 18. Wholesale slaughter - that's a service measure (8)
 20. Gas tube twisted round an insertion (6)
 21. A talker - but he's usually shut up! (6)
 22. Endless mad rush created an impression (7)
 23. He is third, but I am first (6)
 24. Provide a new suit of clothes as compensation (7)

Down

1. More than one detective hustles all over the place (7)
 2. Monumental figure having right physical height (7)
 3 & 17 Dn. Appropriate implement a coward may use to strike a bird! (12)
 5. I'd returned to emphasise the misfortune (8)
 6. Closely studying Post Office telephone call (6)
 7. Gloomy study to have a depressing effect (6)
 13. The same term for electrical accessories (8)
 14. She works at playtime (7)
 15. Declining a musical adaptation (7)
 16. Part of a period costume to create a commotion (6)
 17. See 3 Down
 19. They have a variety of means for going round the East (6)
 21. Wrench (6)
 22. Broadcast (7)
 23. Accent (6)
 24. Relies (7)



Quick Clues:

Across

4. Allure (7)
 8. Required (6)
 9. Projectile (7)
 10. Look at (6)
 11. Really (6)
 12. Stimulating (8)
 18. Left to choice (8)
 20. Drive forward (6)
 21. Wrench (6)
 22. Broadcast (7)
 23. Accent (6)
 24. Relies (7)

Down

1. Disrobe (7)
 2. Marine bird (7)
 3. Dread (6)
 5. Dusk (8)
 6. Dwell (6)
 7. Visitor (6)
 13. Solitary (8)
 14. Increase (7)
 15. Slim (7)
 16. Decorated (6)
 17. Elf (6)
 19. Communicate (6)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Roof-gardens; 9 Awl; 10 Avalanche; 11 Ascot; 13 Twin-set; 14 Hangar; 16 Assist; 18 Trodden; 19 Royal; 20 Sure thing; 21 Hoe; 22 Merry widows. Down: 2 Oil; 3 Feast; 4 Awaits; 5 Diaries; 6 Necessity; 7 Parachutist; 8 Teetotaler; 12 Concourse; 15 Auditor; 17 On view; 19 Rigid; 21 Hew. QUICK - Across: 1 Predecessor; 9 Nip; 10 Timepiece; 11 Offer; 13 Imitate; 14 Cynics; 16 Egoist; 18 Ringlet; 19 Tight; 20 Eliminate; 21 Ago; 22 Alternately. Down: 2 Rip; 3 Deter; 4 Commit; 5 Sapling; 6 Operating; 7 Unconcerned; 8 Detestation; 12 Financial; 15 Collide; 17 Attain; 19 Treat; 21 All.



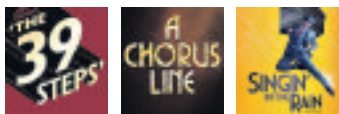
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HAWTHORNE GROVE
 ★ Maisonette
 ★ Purpose built
 ★ Ground floor hall & cloaks
 ★ First floor accommodation
 ★ Lounge ★ Fully fitted kitchen
 ★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
 ★ C/htg & double glazed
 ★ Immaculate th'out
 OFFERS BASED ON £79,950

GORNAL

JUST RELEASED ★ SEMI DETACHED &
 ★ Hall
 ★ Lounge
 ★ Fitted kitchen
 ★ 2 bedrooms
 ★ Bathroom
 ★ Gas c/htg
 ★ Double glazed
 ★ Parking & gardens
 OFFERS BASED ON £120,000

GORNAL

KENNEDY CRESCENT
 ★ Maisonette ★ Purpose built
 ★ First floor
 ★ Hall ★ Lounge
 ★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
 ★ Fitted kitchen
 ★ Rear garden
 ★ Immaculate throughout
 ★ Energy Rating E
 OFFERS BASED ON £73,950

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45 LONGMEADOW DRIVE £243,950

SEDGLEY
 ★ Chalet style residence with three bedrooms
 ★ L shaped lounge/dining room & sitting area
 ★ Pleasant position on this popular housing estate
 ★ Occupying a corner position with attractively laid out gardens
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING TBC



30 CASWELL ROAD £215,000

SEDGLEY
 ★ Flexible three bedroom accommodation
 ★ Sought after locality
 ★ Gas central heating & majority double glazing
 ★ Ample parking & private rear garden
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



6 PRICES ROAD £199,995

LOWER GORNAL
 ★ Detached house
 ★ Three bedrooms
 ★ Deceptive accommodation
 ★ Ensuite shower room & utility room
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



16 WESTCROFT ROAD, SEDGLEY £197,950

★ Well presented & improved link detached house
 ★ Extended three bedroom accommodation
 ★ Extended kitchen, conservatory
 ★ South facing rear garden
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC TBC



39 FLAMBOROUGH WAY, COSELEY £189,950

★ Well presented & improved modern detached house
 ★ Garage converted into fifth bedroom/sitting room
 ★ Kitchen with utility area, ensuite shower room
 ★ Ample off street parking, private rear garden
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



29 CEDARWOOD ROAD £174,950

LOWER GORNAL
 ★ Well maintained & improved link detached bungalow
 ★ Deceptive accommodation with two bedrooms
 ★ L shaped lounge & dining room
 ★ Gas central heating & double glazing
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



5 BROWNSWALL ROAD £174,950

SEDGLEY
 ★ Semi detached house
 ★ Three bedrooms, conservatory
 ★ Good sized accommodation
 ★ Two reception rooms
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



22 TURLS HILL ROAD O/A £174,950

SEDGLEY
 ★ Traditional semi detached house with three bedrooms
 ★ Extended breakfast kitchen & rear living room
 ★ Gas centrally heated & majority double glazing
 ★ Large and extensive rear garden
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



25 GREENACRE ROAD O/A £159,950

TIPTON
 ★ Semi detached house with three bedrooms
 ★ Well maintained & improved
 ★ Converted garage
 ★ Attractive rear garden
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



51C SANDSTONE CLOSE £154,950

LOWER GORNAL
 ★ Semi detached two bedroom bungalow
 ★ Improved & modernised
 ★ Conservatory, shower room
 ★ Ample off road parking
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



FLAT 5 REGENCY COURT £149,950

DUDLEY
 ★ Modern first floor flat
 ★ Two bedrooms, ensuite shower room
 ★ Landscaped communal grounds
 ★ Gated entrance
 ★ SEDGLEYOFFICE - EPC RATING C



9 CROWN CLOSE £144,950

SEDGLEY
 ★ End town house with three bedrooms
 ★ Well maintained & improved
 ★ Spacious accommodation
 ★ Attractive rear garden
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



70 CHAD ROAD £139,950

COSELEY
 ★ Traditional semi detached house
 ★ Three bedrooms
 ★ Well presented & recently renovated
 ★ Attached garage & pleasant level rear garden
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



281 WRENS NEST ROAD £134,950

WOODSETTON
 ★ Spacious modern three storey house
 ★ Three bedrooms
 ★ Well presented throughout
 ★ Two car parking spaces at rear
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



102 EARL STREET £124,950

COSELEY
 ★ Semi detached house
 ★ Three bedrooms
 ★ Well maintained & improved
 ★ Conservatory
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



76 BRADLEYS LANE O/A £120,000

COSELEY
 ★ Traditional semi detached
 ★ Three bedrooms
 ★ Extended lounge & kitchen
 ★ Ideal for first time buyers
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



48 IVYHOUSE LANE £119,950

COSELEY
 ★ Detached bungalow with two bedrooms
 ★ Dining kitchen, shower room
 ★ In need of updating
 ★ Good sized garden plot
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING F



33 KINGS ROAD £116,950

SEDGLEY
 ★ Considerably improved mid terraced house
 ★ Two bedrooms
 ★ Well presented accommodation
 ★ Gas centrally heated & double glazed
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



80 CENTRAL DRIVE O/A £108,500

LOWER GORNAL
 ★ Well maintained terraced house
 ★ Three bedrooms
 ★ Two reception rooms
 ★ Gas central heating & double glazing
 ★ SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D

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Cradley Heath
Manson Drive

- Attractive four bed detached
- Family bathroom and downstairs WC
- Lounge
- Master bedroom with en-suite
- Kitchen with appliances
- GCH and DG
- Fully alarmed
- Garage
- Energy Rating - TBC

£795pcm



Tipton
Wenyon Close

- Spacious detached house
- CH and DG
- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen with oven and hob

£600pcm



- Family bathroom
- Two ORP spaces
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D



Wolverhampton
Waterside Close

- Attractive three bed semi
- GCH and DG
- Breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Landscaped gardens

£595pcm



- Single garage facility
- ORP
- Energy Rating - C
- Great Bridge office



West Bromwich
Ash Drive

- Three bed traditional semi
- GCH and DG
- Spacious breakfast kitchen with utility area
- Rear conservatory

£575pcm



- Shower room with fitted cubicle
- Maintained gardens
- Attached single garage/store
- Current Energy Rating - D



Moxley
High Street

- Spacious three bed link detached house
- GCH & DG
- Kitchen with appliances
- Living room
- Energy Rating - D

£575pcm



- Bathroom with bath & shower
- ORP & Garage
- Great Bridge office
- Energy Rating - D



West Bromwich
Tame Street

- Three bed family home
- Kitchen with gas cooker
- Bath and Shower
- Facilities
- CH & DG
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Energy Rating - E

£575pcm



Wolverhampton
Hilton Road

- Three bed semi
- Two reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Popular residential area
- Energy Rating - D
- Sedgley office
- 01902 686868

£550pcm



Bilston
Attlee Crescent

- Three bed semi
- Unfurnished
- Fully fitted kitchen with cooker
- GCH

£525pcm



- Double glazing
- Alarmed
- ORP
- Energy Rating - C



Hagley
Millpool Close

- Two bed ground floor apartment
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Garage and parking space

£525pcm



Wednesbury
Old College Drive

- Two bed first floor apartment
- DG
- Lounge with doors onto Juliet balcony
- Fitted kitchen with appliances

£525pcm

- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Communal gardens. Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - C
- Great Bridge office



Wolverhampton
Frost Street

- Three bed semi
- New kitchen with appliances
- New bathroom with shower cubicle
- Driveway parking

£525pcm



Wolverhampton
Brindley Avenue

- Two bed semi
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- DG and GCH
- Bathroom with electric shower
- ORP
- Enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating - TBC

£525pcm



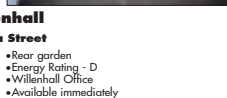
- Kitchen with cooker and fridge
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D



Willenhall
Victoria Street

- Three bed mid terraced home
- Two reception rooms
- Newly refitted kitchen
- DG and CH

£500pcm



- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D
- Willenhall Office
- Available immediately



Tipton
Mayfair Gardens

- Detached two bed bungalow
- GCH and DG
- Single rear garage
- Bathroom with shower

£500pcm



- Kitchen with cooker and fridge
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D



Wolverhampton
Lower Prestwood Road

- Attractive two bed mid town house
- CH and DG
- Fitted kitchen
- Enclosed rear garden
- Pets considered
- Energy Rating - C
- Great Bridge office
- 0121 520 2255 (option 2)

£495pcm



Bilston
Loxdale Sidings

- Two bed second floor apartment
- Attic room
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen

£475pcm



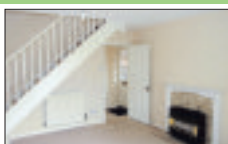
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - C
- Available Sept
- Great Bridge office



Wolverhampton
Shayler Grove

- Two bed semi
- Fully fitted kitchen with new cooker
- Unfurnished
- GCH

£450pcm



- Energy Rating - D
- Available immediately
- Great Bridge office



Wednesfield
Bickford Road

- Three bedroomed house with shower
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Separate dining room
- Downstairs bathroom
- Low maintenance garden
- Energy Rating - E
- Great Bridge office

£450pcm



Tipton
Bedford Street

- Two bed first floor apartment
- Hall, lounge
- Electric heating
- DG & ORP
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Communal gardens
- Alarmed
- Energy Rating - C

£450pcm



Kingswinford
Maidensbridge Road

- Ground floor flat
- Communal gardens
- Large double bedroom
- Bathroom with shower
- Useful internal storage area
- Energy Rating - D
- Must be viewed!
- Great Bridge office

£450pcm



Dudley
Sedgley Road

- One bed first floor apt
- Double bedroom with fitted wardrobes
- Kitchen with appliances
- CH and DG
- Energy Rating - E
- Great Bridge office
- Must be viewed!
- 0121 520 2255

£425pcm



Great Bridge
Market Place

- Spacious one bed flat
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Close to local amenities
- Fitted bathroom
- Close to motorway network
- Gas central heated
- Energy Rating - TBC

£350pcm

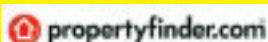
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TIVIDALE Pine Road



A well presented two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, sun room, white bathroom suite, two good sized bedrooms, rear garden with patio area and side access to the front of the property and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of this property!

£118,000

DUDLEY Sledmore Road



Three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, L-Shaped kitchen, upstairs shower room, rear garden and off road parking.

£105,000

TIVIDALE Wakeman Drive



A very well presented four bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage and garden to the rear

£207,950

HALESOWEN Netherend Lane



This is an immaculate one bedroom first floor apartment which briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, double bedroom, refitted bathroom, communal gardens and a separate garage. Viewing is highly recommended.

£59,950

TIVIDALE Elm Terrace



A deceptively spacious three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/dining room, conservatory, family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.

o/o £120,000

DUDLEY Corbyn Road



A beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of entrance hall, through lounge, refitted kitchen, modern bathroom suite, rear garden and off road parking.

£114,950

LOWER GORNAL Eaton Crescent



An absolutely outstanding & exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached bungalow with two DOUBLE bedrooms, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, conservatory, family bathroom, beautiful rear garden backing onto a brook, garage and off road parking.

£164,950

BRIERLEY HILL Sandfields Bridge



OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST! BETWEEN 1 & 3! Please feel free to go and have a look around this beautiful property, you will be surprised at just how big this house is. SPACE, SPACE & MORE SPACE! This property really does need to be viewed to appreciate the size. This three bedroom end terrace property briefly comprising of lounge, dining area, kitchen/dining area, utility room, downstairs WC, family bathroom with a separate shower cubicle. Outside there is a detached garage and a GENEROUS sized rear garden and benefiting from off road parking.

£150,000

DUDLEY Bunns Lane



BRAND NEW HOUSE! A beautifully presented double fronted four bedroom detached house briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, downstairs wc, en suite, family bathroom, rear garden, garage and off road parking.

£174,950

DUDLEY Buffery Road



A beautifully presented and particularly spacious three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom, delightful rear garden, garage and ample off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended!

£169,950

TIPTON Tudor Court



Two bedroom ground floor flat. Has good size lounge area. Fitted kitchen with oven & washing machine. Bathroom with electric shower. Unfurnished. No DSS

£452 PCM

DUDLEY Bridgewater Cres-



Converted 1st Floor 2 bedroom flat. Bathroom with shower on ground floor. Open plan lounge & kitchen with appliances. Bathroom on ground floor and bedroom on 1st floor. Attic room on 2nd floor. Dss considered.

£425 PCM

DUDLEY Norman Street



A mid terrace two bed house, having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen and bathroom on lower ground floor, two double bedrooms on first floor. Garden to rear. Unfurnished. DSS considered with guarantor, no pets.

£450 PCM

WOLVERHAMPTON Newhampton Road West



A recently converted one bedroom ground floor apartment. Large double bedroom, lounge, brand new dining kitchen, and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, available now for long term rental, no DSS, pets considered.

£475 PCM

DUDLEY Cedar Road



A Three bedroom end terrace house with double glazing and central heating, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs shower room. Upstairs bathroom and downstairs toilet. Driveway and garden to the rear. No DSS or pets.

£495 PCM

NETHERTON Park Road



A two bed mid terrace house with good sized lounge with dining kitchen off - integral cooker, washing machine and fridge. Downstairs bathroom/WC with en-suite WC to main bedroom. Garden to rear. Part or unfurnished, available now for long term.

£495 PCM

DUDLEY Orchard Grove



A beautifully presented two bedroom first floor maisonette briefly comprising of lounge, two double bedroom, fitted kitchen, shower room and a pleasant rear garden. No DSS, no pets.

£495 PCM

DUDLEY Attingham Drive



Modern ground floor two bed apartment, fitted kitchen/diner, lounge, two double bedrooms separate house bathroom/WC. Allocated parking and communal gardens. Unfurnished, available now.

£500 PCM

LOWER GORNAL Gatacre Street



A 2 bed end terrace house having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom with shower over bath. Off street parking and garden to rear. No Dss. No pets

£525 PCM

ROWLEY REGIS Highfield Road



A three bed terrace house, double glazing, central heating, one reception, 3 double bedrooms and house bathroom upstairs. Unfurnished. Dss considered if on rent deposit scheme with the council.

£525 PCM

DUDLEY Pages Croft



A modern two bedroom second floor apartment on popular Priory Park development. Having lounge, fitted kitchen with appliances, two bedrooms, bathroom. Double glazing, allocated parking. Available September. No DSS

£525 PCM

LOWER GORNAL Grafton Gardens



A pleasant three bed mid-terrace house with a good sized lounge and fitted kitchen. Single garage to the front with off road parking for two cars, and a private garden with patio area to the rear. Unfurnished, available now.

£625 PCM

**KINGSWINFORD****818 High Street****01384 401777****BRIERLEY HILL****84-86 High Street****01384 265265****STOURBRIDGE****85 High Street****01384 395555****6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS****NETHERTON****The Willows**

Occupying a corner plot on a modern development, this immaculately presented, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Executive style Four Bedroom Detached family home has been conscientiously maintained throughout, and internal inspection is essential to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The impressive property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, stylish Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with a fine range of units and integrated appliances, Guest WC, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS (with En-suite to Master), family Bathroom with white suite, Garage, Driveway and a pleasant Rear Garden. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£215,000**WALL HEATH****Maidensbridge Gardens**

A rare opportunity to purchase an IMPRESSIVE AND EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW within a highly sought after cul-de-sac, approached from Maidensbridge Road, within easy reach of village shops/amenities, providing ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED and VERY WELL MAINTAINED accommodation which includes: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, very large Lounge, fitted Kitchen, large Conservatory/Garden Room, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, modern Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set beyond the landscaped front garden with BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, SIDE GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£179,950 - No Upward Chain**BRIERLEY HILL****Amblecote Road**

Enviably situated in an established location, this Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom Semi Detached home is well presented throughout and internal inspection is strongly advised. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge / Dining Room, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Guest WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£144,950**KINGSWINFORD****Rangeways Road**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is very well placed within this popular address upon the highly sought after High Acres development, offering an ENLARGED and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Entrance Porch, spacious full depth Lounge with dining area, extended fitted kitchen row with breakfast area, THREE BEDROOMS and classic white Bathroom. Gently elevated back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the fore with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a fenced rear garden with full width patio, lawn and attractive shrub rockery. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£143,950**WORDSWLEY****George Street**

A BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, having been ATTRACTIVELY RE-APPOINTED and REWIRED to now offer GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: Reception Hall, well proportioned lounge, separate formal Dining Room, attractively refitted Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted classic white Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond the front garden, together with LONG PARTLY ENCLOSED SIDE DRIVEWAY and enjoying a GOOD SIZED WELL MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN which enjoys a pleasant open rear aspect with school playing field beyond. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950 - No Upward Chain**KINGSWINFORD****Silva Avenue**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOME which is pleasantly situated within this very popular address upon High Acres, offering IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, all of which is ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED throughout and comprising: Spacious Lounge, extended and attractively refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted classic white Bathroom, with corner suite, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set well back beyond the lawned foreground, GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£137,950**WOODSETTON****Park Road**

An EXTENDED, primarily uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) semi detached with potential in exceptionally convenient district. Accommodation provides porch, hall, pantry, dining room with bay, extended 16'10" lounge & extended kitchen, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, bathroom & driveway to substantial (20'8" x 9'9") garage, lengthy sheltered rear garden. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**WOMBOURNE**

This TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE enjoys this popular location towards the countryside fringe of the village and, whilst having been cared for, offers further potential, offering: Hall, SPACIOUS LOUNGE, Refitted Kitchen with Dining space, TWO GOOD DOUBLE BEDROOMS, off peak heating, Bathroom and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Forecourt plus side drive parking, GARAGE and DELIGHTFUL, SECLUDED YET AFTERNOON SUNNY GARDEN. EPC Rating: T.B.A. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

£125,000**Wood Road****COSELEY**

An extended, freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with tremendous potential in well regarded neighbourhood. Accommodation provides entrance porch, hall, store, lounge with bay, dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, LARGE LOFTY GARAGE, lengthy garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**DUDLEY WOOD****Quarry Road**

This beautifully presented, traditional style, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, Three Bedroom End Townhouse is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway, Garage and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£122,950**BRIERLEY HILL****Roach Close**

This beautifully presented, much improved, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Home is situated in a popular Cul-De-Sac, and may particularly appeal to FIRST TIME BUYERS. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, fabulous re-fitted Dining Kitchen, Utility and Guest WC addition, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, re-fitted Shower Room, Garage, Driveway, and a Lawned Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£117,950**COSELEY****Brooklyn Grove**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units) & gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in a popular residential location and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,950**COSELEY****Paul Street, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! An EXTENDED, freehold semi detached in popular/convenient district but now requiring comprehensive refurbishment. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, enlarged 16ft dining room, understorey store, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, secluded garden. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950**SEDGLEY****Bath Street**

A gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & mostly uPVC double glazed three bedroom semi detached that has been modernised in the past but offers further potential. Conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities & The Beacon open space, the property includes reception hall, lounge, transverse 17'10" dining kitchen, lobby, THREE BEDROOMS, tiled bathroom, garden & rare advantage of block paved OFF ROAD PARKING (kerb dropped). EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £97,500**NETHERTON****Ryan Place**

This Victorian style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, Two Bedroom Terrace property is situated in a popular location, and may particularly appeal to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, and a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£91,950**QUARRY BANK****Evers Street**

This Victorian style, uPVC double glazed (where specified), two bedroom detached property now requires comprehensive modernisation / improvement, yet offers excellent potential. Suitable for CASH BUYERS ONLY, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, spacious lounge, potential kitchen, two bedrooms, potential bathroom, separate w.c., useful loft, and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating G. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£85,000**DUDLEY**

An imposing, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached family residence that has been significantly upgraded over the years retaining a number of period features set in favoured cul de sac just off The Broadway. Magnificent accommodation includes reception hall (8'7" ceiling height), cloaks cupboard, separate dining room, through 18'6" sitting room with bay & open fireplace, upgraded breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer lobby, utility room, separate w.c. FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, recently repainted/re-tiled bathroom with contemporary style white suite, garage, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £255,000**Priory Close****DUDLEY****Abbotsford Drive**

A quite exceptional, highly individual & spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home at head of cul de sac within walking distance of Russell's Hall Hospital. Meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, magnificent transverse lounge, sitting room (alternate bedroom 3), shower room, refitted hub of the house, dining kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, garden room, utility room. To the first floor are two double bedrooms (both with extensive wardrobes) & bathroom with a 'Heritage' suite. MAGNIFICENT DISTANT VIEWS, lengthy 39'9" garage, secluded garden & further garden area with potential, extensive parking to front. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950**LOWER GORNAL****Ash Grove**

An absolutely outstanding & particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated at head of quiet backwater yet within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Significantly upgraded by present vendors in recent years, the superb, extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 20ft. reception hall, 18ft lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room, responsive/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom). Former garage converted to a utility/workroom. Block paved foregarden, delightful secluded/landscaped rear garden with fine range of shrubs/plants, patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £223,200**SEDGLEY****Caswell Road**

A quite exceptional, absolutely outstanding, ENLARGED, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendor to an exemplary specification in recent years. First quality accommodation includes imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, magnificent 23'4" through living/dining room, extended refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, separate utility room, three generous bedrooms, repainted bathroom with contemporary style white suite/shower, large garage, block paved drive/parking area, expertly tended garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £221,950**SEDGLEY****Cotwall End Road**

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached envitably situated within walking distance of country park, well regarded schools & so many other amenities & comprising reception hall, store, dining room with bay, sitting room with 'living flame' feature fire & patio doors through to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, upgraded kitchen with various integrated units, separate breakfast room, fitted cloakroom & a laundry cupboard. Three bedrooms (all with fitted units), shower room (former bathroom) & an additional repainted shower room with stylish white suite. Shortened former garage used as substantial store, block paved driveway. Delightful secluded well tended rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £218,000**LOWER GORNAL****The Straits**

RECENTLY COMPLETED! A distinctive, DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated within reasonable walking distance of day-to-day shops, post office, country park, bus route & so many other amenities. Covered by NHBC guarantee, the accommodation provides imposing 24'3" reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), cloaks cupboard, THREE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), bathroom, well equipped kitchen, lounge. Landscaped gardens with an imposing frontage with parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £209,950**SEDGLEY****Westcroft Road, Northway**

An attractive, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached envitably situated in road where properties are only rarely made available for sale. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance hallway, superb L-shape through living/dining room with oak strip floor & contemporary styled oak overmantel with a living flame gas fire, patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen (prepared for a re-fit). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy 28ft garage incorporating a laundry area, delightful well stocked rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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DUDLEY**Fairview Road**

A quite exceptional, tremendously ENLARGED & EXTENDED, Edwardian semi detached of character occupying a fine corner plot with EXTENSIVE PARKING. The uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) accommodation includes: reception hall, 20' sitting room with bay, separate dining room, stunning 22' breakfast kitchen with a magnificent range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 31' double glazed conservatory, FOUR BEDROOMS, tiled shower room (former bathroom), Many period features. Large garage, block paved parking, delightful sheltered garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950**SEDGLEY****Northway**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A gas radiator centrally heated (combi boiler) & part uPVC double glazed link detached in need of sympathetic updating set in favoured district convenient for so many amenities. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall (with parquet floor), 23'8" through lounge/dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), bathroom, good size garage (automated roller door), rear lobby & two stores, delightful sheltered/secured rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Abbotsford Drive**

A distinctive, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS detached residence of character with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Designed by an architect for his own occupation in the early 1980's incorporating many period features typical of the era, the flexible accommodation provides entrance vestibule, imposing 'full height' reception hall, 20ft lounge, 20ft bedroom one (alternative reception room), breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer vestibule/spacious bathroom. Open tread staircase to landing with two further bedrooms, separate toilet. Significant loft space beyond with further potential. Large garage with automated door, extensive garden. EPC Rating F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £174,950, NOW £168,950**SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

A delightful, significantly modernised & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated, semi detached envably situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The property has been significantly upgraded and briefly comprises: imposing reception hall (8'4" ceiling height), sitting room with bay & feature 'Living Flame' gas fire, separate dining room with patio doors to garden, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, and successful loft conversion fourth bedroom (building regulations secured with sky lights). Parking, secluded/sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £165,500**SEDGLEY****Northway**

An absolutely outstanding, significantly enlarged/EXTENDED, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas radiator centrally heated semi detached presented in exemplary order throughout, in favoured district. Meticulously maintained accommodation includes entrance porch, inner hallway, L-shape through living room lounge section with bow window & dining room section with patio doors, refitted kitchen with 'beech' effect units & many integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloakroom with white suite, enlarged 12ft x 7'4" utility/laundry room, three bedrooms (two with 'first quality' professionally installed fitted units), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, sheltered landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £160,000**SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

Tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi character envably situated within reasonable level walking distance of Bull Ring & all associated amenities/schools. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with original oak flooring, separate dining room with bay, sitting room with 'hole in the wall' living flame gas fire, refitted kitchen (integrated appliances), pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, garage with utility section, separate toilet, neat secluded rear garden, parking for numerous vehicles. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**LOWER GORNAL****Tennyson Road, Straits**

A conscientiously maintained, modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached in favoured district convenient for so many amenities/country park etc. Accommodation includes: reception hall (with original oak strip floor), lounge with living flame gas fire, dining room, refitted kitchen with "maple" effect units. Three bedrooms, tiled bathroom, separate w.c. Lengthy DOUBLE 23' GARAGE. Delightful, well tended/secured rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £153,000**DUDLEY****Donnington Court, 'Capitol Heights'**

An attractive, exceptionally stylish & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate townhouse presented in exemplary order throughout with magnificent views and covered by balance of NHBC guarantee. Stunning flexible accommodation provides reception hall, fitted cloakroom, study (occasional bedroom 47'), dining kitchen with a 'high fashion range' of gloss red units with various integrated appliances & double French doors out to the garden. To the first floor is the lounge, bedroom & bathroom & to the second floor two further bedrooms (one en suite), block paved parking, neat rear garden. EPC Rating B. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £152,500**DUDLEY****Burton Road**

An ENLARGED, tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with very flexible room arrangements. Accommodation includes: porch, reception hall, granny/teenager room (with toilet/handbasin en suite), lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, pantry, large utility/laundry room. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Parking to front, rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £144,950**KINGSWINFORD****Keyes Drive**

Very pleasantly and conveniently located within this cul de sac upon the highly respected and extremely sought after Charterfields development, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor guest cloakroom / W.C., spacious lounge with separate dining room area off, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and bathroom with corner suite. Set back beyond the front garden, together DRIVEWAY which provides side approach to the GARAGE and a good sized patio / lawned rear garden, which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950**LOWER GORNAL****Tennyson Road, Straits**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated semi detached requiring comprehensive modernisation set in well regarded convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, hall, dining room, enlarged living room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,000**CRADLEY HEATH****Kerwin Close**

!!! STAMP DUTY PAID ON REASONABLE OFFERS !!! A delightful and successfully designed, fashionably presented, two bedroomed and terraced house in a delightful position close to the nearby canal, having gas radiator heating, double glazing, internal inspection is essential. Comprising: Hall, cloakstore, fitted cloakroom with w.c., fitted kitchen with integral oven and hob, well planned living room allowing for dining area, two bedrooms, bedroom 1 with fitted furniture and en suite bathroom, bedroom 2 with en suite shower room, pleasantly laid out garden and drive parking. EPC Rating C. HALESOWEN OFFICE

OFFERS AROUND £134,950**NETHERTON****Thistlegreen Road**

A deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow having gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection and comprising: Welcoming hall, delightful lounge with feature fireplace, opening to double glazed conservatory, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, two double bedrooms, bedroom one with en-suite shower room, re-fitted bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£124,950**HOLLY HALL****Buxton Road**

Enjoying an enviable position within this established address, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME displays a most deceptive style, with a GAS CENTRALLY HEATED AND DOUBLE GLAZED LAYOUT (vast majority of units), briefly comprising: hall, guests cloakroom, attractive sitting room, CONSERVATORY, lovely oak styled kitchen, three good first floor bedrooms and delightful re-appointed bathroom. Gated drive frontage and with a generous naturally secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£124,950**LOWER GORNAL****New development at Ellowes Road**

A development of 5 - stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed "starter homes" (covered by architect's certificate) nearing completion in popular established neighbourhood within walking distance of so many amenities. Finished to a fine specification, the accommodation provides: traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom with a white suite, well equipped kitchen with integrated oven, hob, extractor, fridge/freezer, lounge. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite & shower, ample parking to front & turf/fenced rear garden. EPC Rating B. Further details, plans, etc. with Agents Sedgley Office (01902 880888)

Offers in the region of £120,000 PER PLOT to include**SEDGLEY****High Holborn**

PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & recently uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace of tremendous character with rare advantage of rear VEHICULAR ACCESS from Gate Street. Accommodation includes imposing reception hall, elegant lounge with bay, transverse sitting room, cellar, refitted kitchen, shower room with white suite, separate w.c., THREE BEDROOMS (potential to incorporate 'spare room' above kitchen into the accommodation), garden with rear vehicular access. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £116,750**LOWER GORNAL****Central Drive**

Stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking (kerb dropped) & lengthy SECLUDED REAR GARDEN with lawns & decking. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,000**WALL HEATH****Blaze Hill Road**

Forming part of this very popular and established address within Wall Heath Village, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE is enhanced by the DRIVEWAY to the fore and offers ENLARGED, NOW VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, which requires some updating, but provides MUCH POTENTIAL for further improvement and comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge with Dining / Sitting Area off, fitted kitchen with Dining Area extension off, Utility Room with large walk-in store, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Gently elevated and set back beyond the lawned fore garden, with DRIVEWAY and enjoying a pleasant patio / lawned rear garden enjoying the afternoon sun. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£109,950**COSELEY****Mount Pleasant Street**

REMARKABLE VALUE! (Further reduced from original asking price of £124,950). Superb, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated mid terrace may be of particular interest to first time buyers and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, rear lobby/verandah, kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, re-fitted bathroom with white suite, three bedrooms & rear garden, no NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £116,950, now offers in the region of £106,950**SEDGLEY****Claremont Road**

A gas centrally heated, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace of character with various original period features (fireplaces, doors, etc.) excellent situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring & open fields. Accommodation includes dining room with bay, lobby, sitting, kitchen, rear lobby, bathroom, two double bedrooms. Delightful sheltered rear garden & substantial concrete panel WORKROOM/STORE (light & power & rear pedestrian access). EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,000**COSELEY****Corfe Road, Hurst Hill**

An ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential envably situated at head of cul-de-sac backing on to paddock with DISTANT VIEWS to the rear. Accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, dining room with bay, enlarged 18'5" living room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom. Verandah with store & small garage (effectively a further store). Gardens. EPC Rating F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950**WOMBOURNE****Planks Lane**

This HUGE TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT is exceptionally well placed just a short distance from heart of Wombourne Village with its excellent selection of amenities and offers a MOST GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, enhanced by a LARGE SECLUDED REAR GARDEN, GARAGE and comprising: ground floor lobby, first floor landing, very large lounge, kitchen (in need of updating), TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the Region Of £74,950**BRIERLEY HILL****Bankwell Street**

Convenient for Brierley Hill town and the popular Merry Hill Shopping Complex, this RATHER APPEALING, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME represents an excellent opportunity for FIRST TIME BUYERS OR INVESTORS and has a uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED AND GAS CENTRALLY HEATED layout which briefly comprises: Hall, Sitting Room, Splendid Combined Dining Kitchen, three good Bedrooms and bathroom with white suite. Elevated frontage and a pleasant rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£72,490**DUDLEY****Edenbridge View, Milking Bank Area**

50% SHARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. Envably situated at head of cul de sac section, a gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district within walking distance of so many amenities. Vendor's 50% share available for sale (other 50% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental) with accommodation providing entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen, store, two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, parking to front & good sized sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE £63,750 FOR VENDOR'S 50% SHARE.**LOWER GORNAL****12, St Andrews Close**

We are acting in the sale of 12, St. Andrews Close, Lower Gornal, Dudley, West Midlands, DY3 3AD (EPC Rating: D) and have received an offer of £116,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to Taylors Estate Agents, 2a Dudley Street, Sedgley, Dudley, West Midlands, DY3 1SB (Tele. 01902 880888) before an exchange of contracts takes place.



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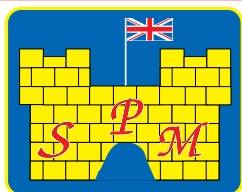
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This lovingly and delightfully presented 2 Bedroom Semi Detached provides deceptively spacious GAS CENTRALLY HEATED and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Conservatory, attractively fitted Kitchen, 2 Double Bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobe), refitted Shower Room, delightfully kept Rear Gardens with Summerhouse and Stores, Side Garage, Car Port and Driveway for 2 cars. EPC=D

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Plenty of style with ADAM that's full of gizmos

Drive time
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IF YOU fall into the style conscious bracket and need a car that offers unprecedented levels of personalisation Vauxhall's new city car ADAM could be up your street.

The all-new ADAM has been getting mixed reviews but it does offer A-segment customers the chance to create a really bespoke option.

And ADAM has scooped the best interior design in a production car award at the Automotive Interiors EXPO 2013, beating stiff competition from the Alfa 4C, Jaguar F-Type, Renault Clio and the new Range Rover.

The tiny lifestyle car offers endless combinations for interior-styling and is Vauxhall's first entrant into a segment which has grown by 30 per cent since 2000.

Personalisation begins with the selection of one of three trim levels – JAM, GLAM and SLAM. The next level of customisation comes with the addition of option packs, and from here the possibilities are endless, with the choice of 12 body colours, 15 seat designs, 20 alloy wheel styles, three printed headliners and no less than 18 interior décor panels.

The little Vauxhall also benefits from much higher levels of technology than in many competitors including IntelliLink, a new infotainment



ADAM goes to the top of the class when it comes to stylish looks



The distinctive ADAM badge stands out



Vauxhall's city car is packed with gadgets and gizmos

ment system which integrates the driver's smart phone and makes internet based applications available on the fascia mounted touch screen.

Other features include a new-generation Park Assist that automatically parks the car, a Side Blind Spot Alert and a power steering system including a 'light touch' CITY mode.

The ADAM gets top marks for appearance and gizmo packs but looks don't mean everything and the ride is too firm, handling isn't

assured and while the driving position is good, with loads of adjustment, you wouldn't want to travel far as a rear seat passenger.

Boot space is also poor and get nowhere near the golf club test, would disappoint the busy shopper and compares badly against the opposition. Steering on the GLAM 1.4i on test was responsive at low speeds but there was a bit too much rear-end twitching in bends for my liking and low gearing meant plenty of noise at high speed. All ADAMS come with stability control

and six airbags, two in the front, two at the side and a pair of curtain 'bags, ESP and ABS.

You get air-con, Bluetooth, a DAB radio as standard, steering wheel mounted audio controls, cruise control and trip computer.

The on-the-road price of the test model was £13,270 but IntelliLinks costs an extra £275, paintwork £250, leather pack £900, 17inch alloy wheels £400, a multi-coloured interior light pack £125, tyre pressure monitoring £200 and floor mats £50 which pushes the cost up to

£15,470 – a lot of money for such a small car.

A start-stop system helps the ADAM produce 55.4mpg on the combined cycle and you can get 0-62mph in 12.5secs and a top speed of 109mph – though I wouldn't recommend travelling at that speed in this model.

There's probably enough people out there who will be tempted by the individual design aspects of this model to keep Vauxhall happy and the company does need to compete in the A-segment.

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Motoring



The Mercedes-Benz W 196 R Silver Arrow which sold for £17.5 million over the phone at auction

Cherished racing Merc sells for a record figure

THIS slightly tatty old racing car has just sold at auction for a price you will struggle to believe.

An unnamed bidder, who may not have even seen the car in the metal, placed a final bid of £17.5 million over the phone. With the seller's fee on top of that, the final price came to a world record, and frankly ridiculous, £19,601,500.

The reason for this apparent madness? Well this car, a Mercedes-Benz W 196 R Silver Arrow, is one of only 10 remaining similar former grand prix cars from the company's golden era of 1954 and 1955.

Only 14 were ever built, and with four lost in the cruel chances of the passing decades, the 10 remaining cars – all outstanding examples of engineering and racing heritage that swept all their competition away nearly 60

years ago – are Mercedes' most prized assets. They own nine of them themselves, six are in Mercedes' own hands, while three are on permanent loans to museums around the globe. So that leaves just one in private hands: this one.

What's more, 'this one' is a grand prix-winning car driven by probably the greatest Formula 1 driver ever: Juan Miguel Fangio. This is the very car he clinched the 1954 World Championship in, making it effectively priceless.

When a car like this comes up for auction it might be a buyer's only chance to own it in his or her lifetime, and the only limit to how high the bidding will go is how badly each extremely wealthy bidder wants it.

Of course, you still might say it's just a tatty old race car, and from a certain perspective you'd be right. This W 196 R is almost completely original, with

peeling panels, old wooden steering wheel, tiny fly screen and mirrors. But that's what makes it so valuable. All these things, exactly as they are, bore witness to the genius of Fangio in a glorious bygone age of racing, where man and machine really were pushed to the limit and beyond. That kind of provenance can't be recreated.

This car, therefore, is a Holy Grail for anyone who subscribes to humankind's ideological quest to better itself. This car is about one great man doing things no one had ever done before.

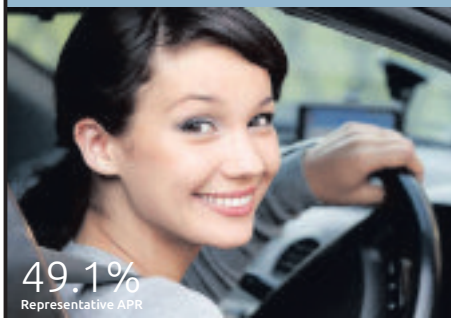
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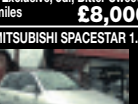
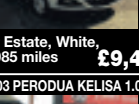
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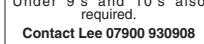
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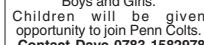
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Bowlers are key to Beacon's success

Tales from The Bratch

THE bowlers hit top form as Beacon cruised to an emphatic 10-wicket success at Old Wulfrunians.

Spinner Matty Briggs (4-31) and seamer Tom Elwell (3-18) were the chief destroyers as Old Wulfs were rolled out for 90.

In reply, Roger Fildes hit an unbeaten 58 and Dan Green 30 not out as Beacon eased home inside 22 overs.

Beacon's second team saw their game hit by the weather.

Ollie Green bagged 4-23 as Old Wulfs were dismissed for 149. Beacon were 40-3 when the rain came.

The third team picked up a winning draw in a rain-affected clash with Wombourne.

Spinner Josh Hartland took 4-23 and Matthew Baker 3-28 as Wombourne posted 175. Jon Forster hit 46 as Beacon replied with 101-5 from 26 overs.

Beacon's fourth team took the spoils from their clash with Hawkins.

Lee Westwood smacked 41 batting at number 10 to help Beacon to 121. But that total proved enough as Alan Green (4-42) and Ollie Harris (3-32) combined to dismiss Hawkins for 103.

Dell edged out by Penn in quarters

PENN, runners-up for the last two years, edged out Dudley Dell in the quarter-finals of the Staffordshire Challenge Cup.

Stafford-based Victoria Park also squeezed through by one shot against Willenhall Nerdley A.

Chadsmoor Progressive, winners two years ago, overcame Codsall Ex-Service.

Windmill defeated ECC by five shots.

Meanwhile, Greg Smith underlined his standing as one of the game's top players as he collected the inaugural Roy 'Chic' Martin Memorial competition at Heath Hayes Constitutional Club with a victory over Scott Simpson.

The semi-finals of the EW Edkins Cup will take place on Monday, August 5 at Pennfields Bowling Club with Penn facing Fordhouses CC A and Short Heath Liberal facing Yale Social B.

Welborn in tough test with Maxwell

by Craig Birch

PRO boxing returns to the West Midlands on Saturday September 7 at Walsall Town Hall with British title challengers Jason Welborn and Max Maxwell in the main event.

Rowley Regis' Welborn, who lost a British title shot to Frankie Gavin in January, will mark up his permanent step up to light middleweight with a test against Maxwell.

Jamaican-born Brummie Maxwell was defeated in a revenge mission by Brian Rose for the 11st British belt last year and has also challenged for the English title

that year. The match could have been made for a Masters belt over 10 rounds and it's an all-West Midlands battle, pitting the naturally bigger man against the stone fists of Welborn.

He said: "I feel really strong at light middleweight. I was getting to the stage when I was finding it harder and harder to get down to welterweight."

"I wasn't weight drained but I think light middle is a more natural weight for me."

"My power is better, my recovery in the corner round to round is better, everything feels better,

which is a good thing. Maxwell has been around the block and is a tough kid. He's fought for the British title at this weight, so this is a good test for me."

On the under-card, Stafford's Rob Hunt boxes back at the venue where he made his pro debut in May 2006 with a one-round knockout of Ian Clyde.

The experienced welterweight, 27, will be 20 fights further on when he climbs out of the ropes where he made his paid bow at his

next fight night. Cannock's Dave Egan will be looking for redemption when he boxes for the first time since he was counted out in his pro defeat two months ago.

After that compelling scrap with puncher Mark McKray, 'Handsome Dave' will be looking to get back to basics and winning ways at welterweight.

Bloxwich's Luke Paddock boxes in his hometown for the first time and has grown in stature over three wins performing as a light welter so far.

Wolverhampton's Des Bowater is another fighter on the rise and

the super feather 'Wednesfield Warrior' believes he can win a world title.

West Bromwich's Tom Stokes will be looking to kick on to his second professional win after making his debut at the same venue in May.

Tipton's Anthony Tildesley makes his debut at welter, while Stoke's Kevin Hanks takes on ever-green Brummie Sid Razak at lightweight.

Tickets, priced at £30 and £60 ringside, are available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900.

Male hopes to deliver knockout in title fight

DUDLEY will witness the next contender to the British super featherweight title when Cradley's Chris Male squares up to Coventry's Troy James in an all-Midlands eliminator.

The two former challengers to the English crown will clash over 10 rounds at the Copthorne Hotel on Saturday September 14 with the stakes sky-high for both fighters.

Male retired from the sport in February after losing a shot at the English featherweight title last November. His retirement lasted less than three months.

A warm-up points win over Elemir Rafael later, the punching postman is right back in the mix for domestic honours and, as he will be 31 on fight night, it's a 'must-not-lose' contest.

The same can be said for James, 28, who was outpointed in an English title tilt at super feather last September.

'Terrifying Troy,' like the 'Male Man,' has just one defeat on his pro record and one combatant will have to taste defeat again to decide the challenger to the British champion.

Who holds that title will be decided on August 17 when Welshman Gary Buckland defends against Stephen Smith but there appears to be just as much riding on Male versus James.

Male said: "Becoming a British champion is what I have always wanted. If I can get Troy out the way, I'm one step closer to that goal."

James added: "It's a massive night for me. There will be fireworks and plenty of non-stop action all the

by Craig Birch

way through." Two of Male's stable-mates from Shaun Cooper's gym, Brierley Hall appear on a three-fight under-card which includes traveller Lance Brooks, trained by Dudley's Paul Gough.

Steven Pearce boxes for the first time since losing his Midlands welterweight title in a compelling seventh round stoppage to Sam Eggington in May's all-Stourbridge battle.

It will be a short trip to the venue for Brierley Hill's Kyle 'The Style' Spencer, 23, a light middleweight growing in stature after six straight wins since turning pro in October 2011.

Tickets are £55 including a three-course meal. VIP ring-side tables of 10 are available at £100 per person to include the meal and wine.

British lightweight champion Martin Gethin, and former British welterweight title holder Young Mutley will mingle with guests in the VIP section.

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Back from left, Steven Pearce, Kyle Spencer and Lance Brooks support the British title eliminator fight between front, left, Chris Male and Troy James

Pottinger confident ahead of big clash

WILL POTTINGER says his side have enough quality to cope with this weekend's hectic schedule – despite the absence of key reserve Max Clegg.

Heathens go to Buxton for 3pm on Sunday to defend a 16-point lead in the Knock-out Cup on before making the dash to Stoke for a 7pm National League match.

They then set sail for the Isle of Wight next Tuesday in the league with Pottinger looking for guest replacement to cover for Clegg.

Said Pottinger: "It's going to be hard because Max has been such a key rider for us but he had a practice on Sunday and found it too difficult to ride the bike."

"I would rather him have a couple of weeks off and then come back rather than making it worse by trying to come back too soon."

"I believe we have enough quality to do well and I'm confident we can hold our own with a 16-point cushion in the cup at Buxton."

"It's going to be harder at Stoke and obviously the Isle of Wight is a tough one."

Pottinger says the form of his top three this season – Paul Starke, Lewis Blackbird and skipper Ashley Morris – has made Heathens a formidable outfit.

Said Pottinger: "We have a lot of power at the top end of the team and a lot of clubs will struggle to handle that. Heathens' next home meeting is on Tuesday, August 13 when they face Stoke at Monmore."

Faye, 15, is part of GB medal team

A HALESOWEN teenaged showjumper has won silver medal as part of a team in the European Championships

Faye Adams, aged 15, rode her mother Julie's 14-year-old chestnut mare Some Like It Hot.

Faye competed as part of the British Pony Team riding under the Team Fairfax banner at the Pony European Jumping Championships in Arezzo Italy

Her fellow riders who shared the silver were 16-year-old Amy Inglis, from Haywards Heath, West Sussex, 14-year-old Emily Ward, from Neston, Cheshire and Millie Allen, aged 15, from Stockton-on-Tees.



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Premier Tigers are singing the Blues

Birmingham 2 Hull City 1
BIRMINGHAM CITY (tamed the Premier League Tigers as Steve Bruce was beaten on his return to St Andrew's.

Goals from Matt Green and Andrew Shinnie did the damage, although a late penalty from Sone Aluko provided some consolation for former Blues boss Bruce.

Hull included a number of new signings with Allan McGregor, Maynor Figueroa, Danny Graham and Curtis Davies, on his return to Birmingham, all featuring from the start.

But the 52-year-old will not have been impressed with his side's efforts at the back, as Green rose unmarked to nod home Shane Ferguson's corner.

Things got worse for the Premier League new-boys two minutes after half-time as James Chester gifted possession to Scott Allan and the Albion loanee set up Shinnie for a simple finish.

Hull were gifted a route back when former Albion left-back Paul Robinson fouled Aluko in the penalty area and the St Andrew's academy graduate picked himself up to score.

Blues manager Lee Clark said: "I'm very happy with that. After 65 minutes I got what I wanted from the game."

"The shape of the team was good and we restricted a good Hull side to a minimum of chances."

Himley get county man

HIMLEY Cricket Club has pulled off a coup with the signing of Worcestershire captain Daryl Mitchell.

The 29-year-old, who has scored almost 7,000 first class runs, could now feature for the Stourbridge Road club in the Birmingham Premier League.

The opening batsman has been a standout performer for the county in recent years and was handed the captaincy following the 2010 season, when he helped them to promotion.

Himley are seventh in the Birmingham League's top division and have won their last three games, having recovered from a major blip in form which saw them slide towards the drop zone.

Skipper Greg Wright said: "He is only likely to play if Worcestershire have a significant gap in their fixtures or if he needs a bit of form." "Worcestershire were fine with it."

Yeltz ladies continue their run of victories



Sophie Richards, right, on the ball

THE Yeltz ladies continued their winning ways with a good solid performance against Sandwell ladies.

Halesowen started with five players never playing together before and at the beginning it looked like the whole team hadn't played together.

However, as time went on Halesowen were the first to relax and play better football. Captain Dani Reade and Jo Butler had to play centre backs as no defenders were available.

Chloe Harris and Lauren Affron made some good runs forward but some quality saves by the Sandwell keeper made it frustrating for the visitors. Sarah Hamill the midfielder

Sandwell 0 Halesowen 5

general was controlling the midfield and the dead lock was broken 20 minutes in when Rachel Letford found Haley Chatters free on the far side of the post leaving a simple tap in for her.

Within two minutes Halesowen were two up when new signing Gemma Moss passed the ball to the awaiting Angie Morley who then volleyed it and it cannoned off the crossbar into the empty net.

Halesowen were starting to find a bit of form as Sophie Richards collected the ball

from the half way line and with an inspirational run went past several players and let fly a shot that flew into the roof of the net.

The second half was more of the same with good early pressure. Another new signing striker Gemma Moss scored the fourth with a low drive passed the unlucky keeper. Chatters made it five with some good work by Richards on the right wing.

Halesowen didn't have it all their own way Sandwell have chances to score especially with a one-on-one with the keeper but Hannah Tromans, but she came off her line quick to make a fantastic save and keep the clean sheet.

Tipton side show their four-te on the pitch

Wellington 1 Tipton 4
A DOUBLE from midfield dynamo Mike Perks helped Tipton to a convincing and accomplished 4-1 win at West Midlands Regional Premier League outfit Wellington Amateurs.

With Tipton boss Ian Rowe shuffling the pack due to holidays and work commitments, it provided an opportunity for players to stock up on match time with the season start just seven days away.

Tipton opened brightly when Perks volleyed home from 25 yards.

Then Chris Rabone fed Ricky Nicholls who slotted home to double the lead.

With the half drawing to a close, Tipton made it three when Chris Rabone put his own volley in from 10 yards.

Ian Rowe rang the changes at half time and continued to rotate the squad during the second half, meaning the balance of the play shifted.

Wellington grabbed one back on the hour when impressive Joel Zahd took advantage of some dithering at the back to fire past James Pemberton.

But with less than a minute left Rob Perks then set up Mike Perks to score.

Wolves are tops with the bookies

KENNY JACKETT has tipped his Wolves young guns for glory as they were named as the League One bookies' favourites.

Online bookmakers bet 365.com have made Wolves 7-2 favourites for the top spot. Head coach Jackett said "I've been very impressed with our young players."

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WOLVES TASTE LOSS BUT ARE ON THE UP

WOLVES might have lost for the first time under Kenny Jackett – but they are on the up.

That they tasted defeat for the first time in six pre-season friendlies was more down to poor defensive errors ruthlessly punished by a team – who had beaten Bolton and Huddersfield in the previous five days – than being outplayed by a side that finished seventh in La Liga last season.

Wolves led twice through Richard Stearman's fourth-minute header and Leigh Griffiths' fourth goal of pre-season five minutes after the break.

But ball watching for Salva's equaliser on 15 minutes and mistakes by David Davis and Sam Ricketts allowed Cedrick and Matilla in the 55th and 71st minutes respectively to squeeze the Spaniards home.

It's concerning that Wolves haven't kept a clean sheet in pre-season and have leaked seven goals.

But the feeling is they will improve the more they play together and few of the 7,741 crowd will be too bothered about the result.

"It was a good game and a good workout," said new boss Kenny Jackett.

"But I couldn't help being slightly disappointed because in the second half there was a win for us and we didn't take the opportunity."

Jackett was disappointed with Wolves' defending for the goals conceded.

"There were bad passes for their second and third goals," he admitted. But it's right to pass the ball constructively from the back. So we won't stop doing that but just maybe our selection at times wasn't quite what it should be."

With five days to go to the big kick-off at Preston, Jackett is satisfied with how things are shaping up.

Wolves 2 Betis 3

"Overall I'm quite pleased with the pre-season period including Saturday," he said.

Bjorn Sigurdarson should have put Wolves ahead after 44 seconds but fired against keeper Sara's legs.

However, they weren't to be denied on four minutes when Stearman nodded home after Danny Bath's assist from a Griffiths corner.

Betis levelled when Salva thundered home from the edge of the area after a square pass from Cedrick.

Griffiths is always on the sniff for goals and he escaped the Betis defence to latch on to Sigurdarson's flick and bury a left-foot shot to put Wolves ahead again before floating a free-kick narrowly over.

But Betis were level when Davis's poor pass was seized upon by the nippy Cedrick and the winger prodded past Ikeme.

If the visitors thought the path was clear to march to victory, they were mistaken however, as David dragged a shot wide and Matt Doherty was inches away.

Wolves were made to pay for their wastefulness when Ricketts's careless punt allowed Matilla to grab the winner.



Leigh Griffiths makes it 2-1 at Molineux to continue his goal-scoring form in pre-season



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